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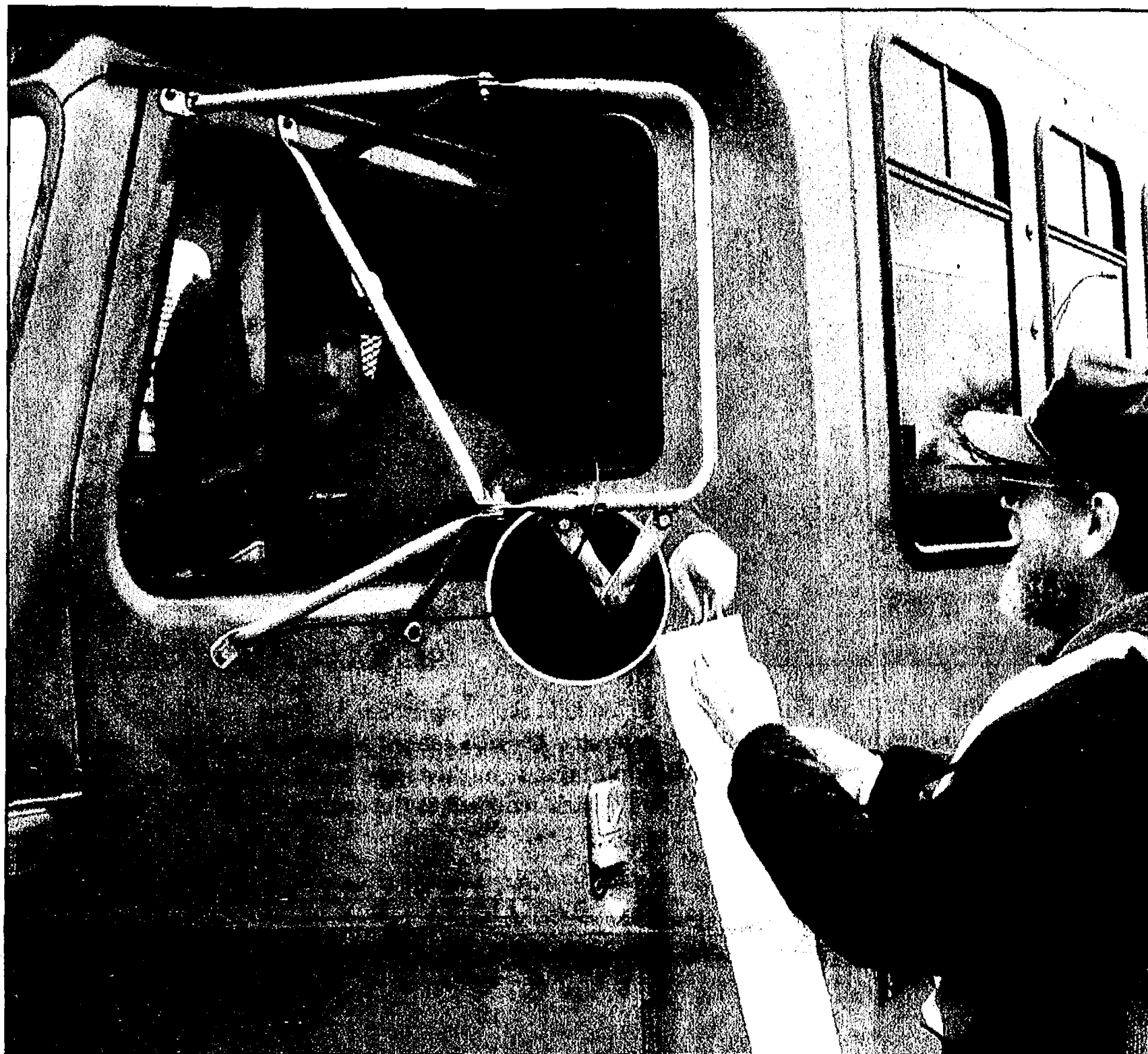


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Members of the Grayling Lions Club sold their white canes last week to collect money in order to support their initiatives in helping the blind. Above, Monty D'Amour, a driver for the Crawford County Transportation Authority, makes a donation to Brian Chace, the secretary for the Grayling Lions Club, while he was driving a bus on Michigan Avenue.

School budget cuts prompt staff layoffs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford AuSable School District officials have issued pink slips to 30 employees as they begin addressing staffing and budget cuts for the next school year.

Under terms of the employee contracts, the district is mandated to inform staff if their positions are being changed or eliminated 90 days prior to the end of the school year.

Kerri O' Rourke, a fourth grade teacher at the Grayling Elementary School, was informed that her position was being eliminated since there will be only five fourth grade classrooms next year instead of the six classrooms this year.

Cynthia Powers, a reading instructor at the Grayling Middle School, was informed that her position was also being cut. She is the wife of Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers.

Sally Voorhees, a first-year special education teacher at Grayling High School, was informed that she will be laid off. Rhonda Metzger, a special education teacher at Grayling Middle School, will be transferring to the high school to take over Voorhees' classroom.

Ellen Thompson was informed that her position was being cut down to part-time. Thompson will no longer serve as a teacher coach, a consultant for other teachers in the district, and will instead serve as a reading instructor.

Three secretaries for the

school district were issued layoff notices, but will be called back due to a retirement that was recently announced, said Mike Dunkel, the business manager for the Crawford AuSable School District.

Twelve paraprofessionals who work at the AuSable Primary School were informed that their positions were being changed. One paraprofessional position is being eliminated, while 11 positions are being cut from being in the classroom from seven to just four hours a day.

Finally, 11 food services employees were issued layoff notices.

The Crawford AuSable School District board is considering eliminating one food service position and cutting the hours for other employees, Joe Powers said. The board is considering a proposal where food would be prepared at the high school and then shipped to the middle school in hot boxes. Joe Powers said the staff cuts are being made due to declining enrollment, increased operational costs and cuts in state funding. The food service employees would make bids for the available jobs based on their seniority with the district.

The school district is anticipating a cut of \$225,000 in state funding for the current school year. School officials are planning for a \$1 million deficit for the next school year.

"The state's inability to fund schools is at the root of our difficulty and for every other school in the state," Powers said.

Fund raising goal for weight room met

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A couple who graduated from Grayling High School made a donation to give the school's weight project a final boost to meet their fund raising goal.

Phyllis and Roger Kessler donated \$50,000 towards the high school weight room and physical fitness center, helping the school meet its goal to raise \$100,000 for the addition.

Phyllis Kessler graduated from Grayling High School in 1951, while Roger Kessler was a member of the 1954 graduating class.

Kessler is a retired controller and vice president for Dow Chemical Company, having worked for the company for 38 years. The Kesslers donated some Dow Chemical stock to the school district. The district netted \$50,815.45 when the stock was sold last month.

"It was a good day in the market," Roger Kessler said.

While attending Grayling High School, Roger Kessler

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Chad Gildner, a junior in Grayling High School's construction trades class, mixes up some mortar as he assists contractors working on the school's new weight room project.

Property deal nears for wood pellet plant

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Plans for the development of a \$45 million wood pellet manufacturing mill, which will be located on the site of a former City of Grayling dump, are gathering steam.

Cascade Management and Development LLC, an Ann Arbor-based company, is in the process of purchasing 55 acres from the City of Grayling for construction of a wood pellet mill. The property is located in the Grayling Industrial Park.

Last month, Rebecca Humphries, the director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, signed an agreement removing a reverter clause from the deed for the property. The land, which was foreclosed on by the state in 1932 for the non-payment of taxes, was deeded to the city in 1963 to be used as a garbage dump. The dump was used for about 10 years. The reverter clause was placed on the deed, saying the ownership would go back to the state if the property was used for non-public use.

Chuck Sanch, the chairman and CEO for Cascade Management and Development LLC, said the company hopes to begin construction in July and be in production by December. The firm plans to hire 70 employees, with plans to expand the workforce with up to 200 people when expansions are completed.

"We feel that we can slip right in and be a great neighbor to the people that are already there and be a great asset to the community," Sanch said.

Sanch, who has extensive background in construction and real development, said the company is working with representatives familiar with the forest products industry. The company would harvest trees within a 50 to 70 mile radius of Grayling.

Heating with wood pellet heating stoves is popular in Sweden, Denmark, Austria and Finland, according to the Pellet Fuels Institute, and is becoming a popular form of heating in the United States.

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Remembering Veterans



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Members of the VFW C.W. Borchers Post #3736 held their poppy sale in downtown Grayling last weekend to collect funds to honor our country's veterans. Above, Leonard Nemeth, a VFW member, convinced his colleague from Glen's Market, Michelle VanBuren, to buy a poppy. Nemeth is a member of the 1438th Engineers Detachment based out of Grayling, which returned to the community in July 2004 after serving a 16-month deployment in Iraq.

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- I believe in fiscal responsibility

During the past four years on the Crawford AuSable School Board the board, administration, and staff have faced many challenges from declining enrollment, declining state and federal funding, as well as mandates from the state and federal government that are required but not funded. During this time the district has not only survived financially but has avoided massive cuts in programming and services. In fact, we have managed to return to all day every day kindergarten, reduced class size in kindergarten, and expanded reading programs in kindergarten with impressive results in reading and writing. I am really excited to see these kids progress as we continue to improve on student achievement. As a district our focus is on continued improvement by concentrating on individual student achievement.

Thank you for your support,
Lewis Madill

Fish Hatchery fee hiked due to increased costs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Rising costs have forced an increase in the admission fees for the Grayling Fish Hatchery, beginning with the 2007 Memorial Day weekend opening.

Unchanged for several years, the admission fee for a single adult will be raised to \$2.50 and \$1.50 for children 6-12 years-old. Children under 5 will still be admitted free.

A daily pass for a family is \$10.00. A season pass for seniors is \$5.00, \$10.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for families.

"Everything costs more than it did years ago," said Bruce Patrick, chairman of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee. "With the recent increase in the minimum wage, the operation was looking at losing a fair amount of money, so we were forced to change the admission fee."

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) actually operates the Grayling Fish Hatchery during the summer months.

"They have the personnel and equipment needed for the day-to-

day functioning of the Hatchery, and they are in a position to hire students to man the operating, while the Steering Committee cannot do that," Patrick said.

Justin Andre, executive director of GRA, told the Steering Committee that the recent increase in the minimum wage will result in a 35 percent increase in labor costs this summer. Andre projected a loss of several thousand dollars if the admission fee was not raised. The Steering Committee worked in conjunction with GRA to establish the new fees.

Hatchery officials will also begin to charge an admission fee for youngsters going to the children's fish pond on the hatchery grounds.

"We have seen a fair amount of abuse of the system with people saying they are only going to the

children's fishing pond, but are then using the hatchery facilities the same way as those who have paid admission," Patrick said. "That's not fair and it's just one more example of how a few people can ruin a good thing for everyone."

Kids will still be able to keep the fish that they catch in the pond, if they wish, at no cost.

"We usually put around 1,000 bluegill in the pond over the summer," Patrick said. "This provides a lot of fun for a lot of kids."

Patrick said it cost over \$1,500 to stock the pond, with funds coming from the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee and donations from local businesses and organizations.

A few dedicated volunteers spend about three hours a week at the pond, assisting children as they hone their fishing skills.

Property deal nears for wood pellet plant

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now, and it's only going to get bigger and bigger because the savings is astronomical over other types of fuel," Sanch said.

Initial environmental studies have been done on the property. Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that there is some methane associated with decomposition of garbage on the prop-

erty. The company plans to leave that area as a greenbelt area since the property can not be disturbed or paved over.

A final environmental assessment needs to be provided to the state before the land transaction is completed, Thayer said.

The state is also awaiting additional information from the city and developers for a potential

\$585,000 community development block grant, which would fund the extension of roads and utilities into the property.

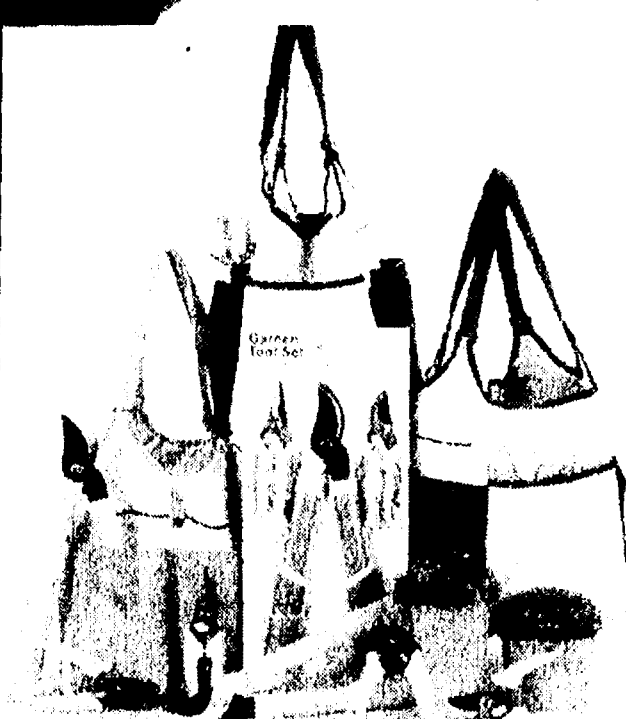
Sanch initially approached officials from the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership on options to locate the manufacturing firm last fall. The company has considered buying the former Georgia-Pacific Mill in Gaylord, which shut down last year, but never heard a reply to their offer. The company opted to locate in Grayling due to the proximity of I-75, the railroad and the available workforce.

"We look forward to working with the company, because our goal is not only to attract business, but to help retain businesses and jobs and help them grow," said Gaila Gilliland, the economic development director of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

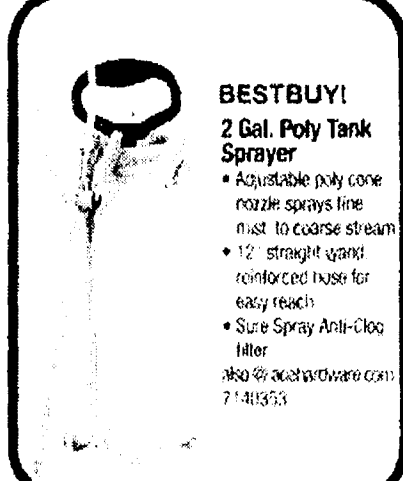
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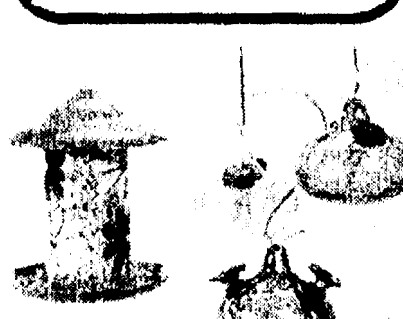
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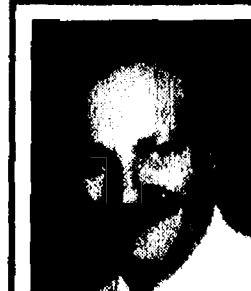
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Fund raising goal for weight room met

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participated in track, football, basketball and baseball. Phyllis Kessler played in the school's marching band.

The Kesslers award a four-year scholarship annually to attend Central Michigan University to a Grayling High School student.

The Kessler family also donates two \$1,000 scholarships to Grayling High School students in honor of their parents, Loretta and Jerome Kessler.

Kessler serves on the Central Michigan Board of Trustees. He also invites Crawford AuSable School District staff to a Central Michigan University football game each fall and also gives them personal tours of the college campus.

Roger Kessler said they decided to help bring the weight room initiative to fruition since the footings for the addition had been poured and local contractors and builders had committed to donating labor for the project.

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community of our roots," Roger Kessler said.

The Kesslers spend their winters in Lake Jackson, Texas, and have summer homes in Elk Rapids and Midland. The couple has four children and 10 grandchildren.

Roger Kessler, who received an honorary doctorate degree from Central Michigan University, was inducted into the Crawford AuSable School District's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers solicited the support for the project.

"Dr. Kessler is a huge supporter of students, academics and helping them find success," Powers said.

Crews for Jack Millikin, Inc. and Kernstock Builders have been laying cement block for the



Phyllis and Roger Kessler

addition the last couple of weeks. The contractors have been assisted by students from the high school's building and construction trades classes as they are getting some first-hand construction experience.

"We are very excited to see the walls going up and the project being completed," Powers said. "It's going to be a great benefit for our students and athletes."

The project was initiated by community members to build a new weight room to help students at Grayling High School develop sound fitness habits to

live a healthy lifestyle.

Some of the benefits of this project include providing a new and larger area for students in physical education classes, allowing the wrestling team to come home to practice at the school and have meets at the high school. Relocating the current physical fitness equipment and weights will also provide a larger practice area for spring sports teams.

"In northern Michigan, you have to start the spring sports for the first couple of weeks inside, so this will help cut down on

some of the late practice schedules when teams don't have to compete for the same space," said Doug Pummell, the athletic director for Crawford AuSable Schools.

The weight room will be completed this summer in time to be used by fall sports teams, Pummell said.

The American Legion will be holding their general election of officers on Monday, May 14, 2007 starting at 7pm during their regular monthly meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

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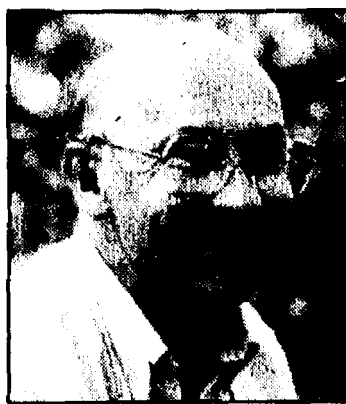
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Party leaders agree on early primary

WHO SAYS Democrats and Republicans in Lansing can't agree on anything?

Mark Brewer, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, and Saul Anuzis, chair of the Michigan Republican Party, usually are at each other's throat, figuratively speaking, when it comes to all political matters.

It took presidential politics to get their two minds working in harmony ... or more accurately, the nominating procedure for the 2008 presidential election is responsible.

The two party chairs have agreed on a joint presidential nominating primary in Michigan for 2008, most likely on Feb. 5, 2008.

The parties have tried joint primaries in the past, but not to universal satisfaction. But because of the way the presidential nominating process has developed nationally, the two

partisans have joined forces to try it again.

There is a loose board in the plans, however. It depends on New Hampshire, which has nailed down the spot as the first primary state in every election year and has vowed to remain first, including advancing its primary even further if necessary.

RIGHT NOW, January 2008 will feature primaries or caucuses in New Hampshire, Iowa, South Carolina and Nevada -- all relatively small states and not representative of the nation's makeup in any way. Their influence on picking presidents has been substantial, but not deserved.

Other states, including Michigan, want their voices heard, and thus the move to earlier dates for primaries, caucuses, state conventions, and other means that help select presidential candidates.

About six weeks ago, California moved its primary from June to Feb. 5, 2008, joining primaries on that date in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho (Democrats only), Missouri and Utah, and now possibly Michigan. New Mexico Democrats will hold presidential caucuses on that date, and West Virginia Republicans plan their state nominating convention then.

According to a report by Associated Press, at least 15 other states are actively considering moving to Feb. 5, too, including biggies Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Texas.

If this scenario plays out, Feb. 5 will be the closest thing yet to a national presidential primary and Feb. 5 will become a vital date for all then-remaining presidential hopefuls. It will far outshine Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina,

individually or all together, in genuine meaning.

EXPERIENCE WITH presidential primaries in Michigan has not always been politically pleasant.

In 1972, when Republican President Richard Nixon was seeking reelection, Alabama Gov. George Wallace won the Michigan Democratic primary, embarrassing Michigan Democrats, who blamed Republican crossovers.

In 2000, Nevada Sen. John McCain won the Republican primary, to the chagrin of Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Republican hierarchy, who had promised the state to Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Republicans, of course, blamed crossover Democrats, who had no primary and decided support for Vice President Al Gore in party caucus.

The problem with a statewide

vote has been keeping Republicans in their own primary and Democrats in theirs. In 2008, that may not be a problem, with highly contested races in both parties ... at least, they're both wide open at this point.

Under the plan worked out by Mr. Anuzis and Mr. Brewer for 2008, voters must request a Democratic or Republican ballot, and the record would only be available to the respective parties. But if New Hampshire or other states move to even earlier voting, Michigan Democrats may decide to abandon the joint primary idea and move their party caucuses even earlier, too.

PRIMARIES ARE run by the state, while the party runs a caucus, and thus could act on short notice to change the process. As of today, Democratic caucuses are set for Feb. 9.

In light of earlier decisions in New Hampshire, Iowa, South

Carolina and Nevada, and perhaps other states, plus the multi-state primaries already set for Feb. 5, any decision by Michigan Democrats in caucus four days later would be virtually meaningless in deciding who will become president.

The Brewer-Anuzis project to make views of Michigan voters in both parties more meaningful in selecting the next presidential candidates deserves credit for both party leaders.

If their primary cooperative efforts bear fruit, maybe we should turn over Michigan's budget and tax problems to Saul Anuzis and Mark Brewer, too.

Democrats and Republicans in Lansing, it seems, are disagreeing about everything else these days.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Voters need to hold representatives accountable

To the editor:

This is the letter I submitted to Senator Stamas.

Senator Stamas,

I was at the Legislative relations meeting on Thursday in Lansing. I was very disappointed that you were not there. You need to hear from superintendents and board members about the desperate situation you are

putting our school children in. They are the future of our state. Your refusal to support at least two percent tax on services is reprehensible.

I will encourage as many voters as I can to hold you accountable for your position on funding for schools.

Bernadine A. Dosch
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

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Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

A long overdue honor for the Tuskegee Airmen

The Tuskegee Airmen were recently honored with the Congressional Gold Medal in a moving ceremony in the U.S. Capitol. More than 350 Airmen from across the country, including many from Michigan, were in Washington to receive Congress' highest honor for their heroism in fighting for our country abroad during World War II while challenging bigotry and racism here at home. It was a day of heartfelt joy and gratitude that was long overdue. It was my honor to have sponsored the legislation that awarded the Airmen the medal, along with Congressman Charlie Rangel of New York.

The story of the Tuskegee Airmen began in 1941 when President Franklin Roosevelt overruled his top generals and ordered the creation of an all black flight training program at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. President Roosevelt did so one day after the NAACP filed suit in federal court on behalf of a Howard University student and others to force the Department of Defense to accept black pilot trainees.

The first class of 13 cadets began at the Tuskegee Institute in July of 1941. By the time the last class completed its training, nearly 1,000 black pilots had graduated alongside thousands

of aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, control tower operators and other personnel essential for conducting flying operations.

The statistics of their heroism are overwhelming -- more than 15,000 combat sorties, 260 enemy aircraft destroyed, 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses and Legions of Merit, and more than 700 Air medals and clusters. As the reputation of the Airmen grew, white bomber pilots did not just come to accept escorts by the Tuskegee Airmen, they requested the Tuskegee Airmen.

But the spiritual legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen transcends any statistics. They not only fought for us on the battlefield. They fought for our very soul as a nation.

As young men, the Tuskegee Airmen saw something in our nation that drove them to defend it in the face of the pain inflicted upon them by laws promoting segregation and practices reflecting racism. They must have sensed that, despite the bigotry, this was a nation worth fighting for. They must have seen a spark of hope that this was a country worth dying for and sensed that they, in their courage and patriotism, could help that spark become a flame of justice.

In commemoration of the ceremony in the Capitol, the Airmen who attended received bronze replicas of the Congressional Gold Medal. The medal itself will become part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian, the world's largest museum and research complex, contains some of the most important artifacts of American history, including the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner and the desk on which Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.

The medal awarded to the Airmen will have a permanent home among these national treasures, reflecting the Airmen's enduring place in American history. The display in the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum will also include uniforms, films, personal stories, and possibly one of the planes the Airmen trained in. Over 20 million people visit the Smithsonian each year, and they will soon have the opportunity to learn more about the sacrifice and service of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Finally, I want to note that the Tuskegee Airmen have a special place in Michigan history as well. In addition to their training at Tuskegee Institute in

Alabama, in subsequent years some of the Airmen trained at Selfridge Field and Osceola Field in Michigan. The late Coleman Young, former mayor of the City of Detroit, trained as a navigator bombardier for the 477th bombardment group. The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Museum is located on the grounds of historic Fort Wayne.

And in 1972, the concept of a national, nonprofit organization was discussed at the home of World War II POW Lt. Colonel, Alexander Jefferson, and Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. was soon a reality and continues to motivate and inspire young Americans. We were honored that Detroit's own Lt. Colonel, Jackson played an active role in the recent Congressional Gold Medal ceremony. Michigan is justly proud to be home to so many Tuskegee Airmen.

By not giving up on the promise of America, the Tuskegee Airmen gave our nation an extraordinary gift, and our country has been strengthened by their faith in it. The Congressional Gold Medal is a symbol of the Airmen's place in our history, but that place was established long ago, when the Airmen fought for the right to fight for our country.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

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News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

COA to host AARP driver safety program

The Crawford County Commission On Aging is sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program, on May 9 and 10. The eight hour class will be divided into two four hour sessions, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Crawford County Commission on Aging at 308 Lawndale St. The fee is \$10, payable to AARP. This course covers the age-related physical changes in perception and reaction time, local driving problems and rules of the road. The fee is \$10, payable to AARP. For information, or to register call 348-7123.

COA to present speaker

Dinner will be held at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., on Monday, May 7 at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation by Joe Powers, Superintendent from the Crawford AuSable School System. The presentation will include information on the upcoming proposed millage renewal for the schools. The cost of the meal is \$3 for seniors over 60 and \$5 for those under 60. For information or transportation, call the center at 348-7123.

Blood drive to be held

A special type O blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 8, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, from 12 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. For information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Sign up now for Horseshoe Tournament

The 3rd Annual Horseshoe Tournament, to benefit the animal shelter, will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, June 16, at Dingman's Bar. Six - Eight teams are needed, donation fee is \$100 per team (two players per team). Call Mary Becker at 586-731-6803 or 989-348-7919 for more information.

Project Graduation to hold pancake dinner

Project Graduation will be holding an all-you-can-eat pancake dinner, on Monday, May 7 from 4 p.m. - 7 pm. at the Lone Pine Family Restaurant. The cost is \$4 per person. All proceeds will benefit Grayling High School Project Graduation.

Chamber to hold coffee hour

The Chamber Coffee Hour will be held at RE/MAX of Grayling, on Friday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. If interested in hosting a coffee hour, contact Kathy Thomas, office coordinator, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

Church to cancel May's luncheon

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling, has cancelled their all-you-can-eat luncheon for May. The next luncheon will be Thursday, June 7.

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, May 4 and May 18, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For questions regarding veterans benefits, stop in.

Mio Ranger Station to hold open house

The Mio Ranger Station of the Huron-Manistee National Forests will host a second open house at the new district office location from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., on May 12.

In May 2005, ground was broken for the new Mio Ranger Station, located at 107 McKinley Road just off of M-33 in Mio. The project included the construction of a two story office building, a heated warehouse and garage and two fully enclosed pole barns for storage of equipment and supplies. The cost of the project was approximately \$4 million dollars and has been in various forms of planning for over 15 years. The new ranger station replaces the old facility on M-33 in Mio. The old ranger station was not capable of adequately housing 32 permanent employees and

approximately 20 temporary employees during the summer.

The new ranger station has been fully operational and open to the public since early Nov. 2006. Michigan Industrial Group was the general contractor who ensured the building was fully operational prior to the onset of the 06/07 winter season. Many other local and regional sub-contractors made the project a success. An open house celebration was held on April 9, with a short ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours for the public of the entire facility.

Citizens may ask for a tour any time during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information, contact the receptionist at (989) 826-3252 or (989) 826-3595 (TTY).

American Legion Auxilliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 will hold their monthly meeting on May 9, at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, Grayling.

Chamber to hold coffee hour

The Chamber Coffee Hour will be held at Camp AuSable, with a bus tour to follow, on Tuesday, May 8, at 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. If interested in hosting a coffee hour, contact Kathy Thomas, office coordinator, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m., in the probate court room, at the Crawford County Courthouse. Students from the "Youth in Government" program will be special guests.

Church moves to new location

The Resurrection Life Fellowship of Northern Michigan has a new name, Resurrection Life Center, and is now located 2.5 miles east of the Burger King, on M-72 east, phone 348-1000. Services are held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, and 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. Anyone interested in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School are encouraged to attend.

Church to host mission convention

The Grayling Assembly of God, invites the community to attend the Annual Foreign Missions Convention, May 6, at 10:30 a.m., at the church. Speakers will be David and Kristen Speer, currently serving as missionaries in Mexico City, Mexico.

Library to host Michigan author

Anne-Marie Oomen, author of "House of Fields: Memories of a Rural Education" will be at the Devereaux Memorial Library, at 6:30 p.m., on May 9. Oomen is coming as part of the Library of Michigan's 2007 "Michigan's Notable Authors Tour." Everyone is invited for an evening of first rate storytelling, book signing and questions and answer time.

Travel to "America's Amazing Places"

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 34th season of Travel and Adventure will present "America's Amazing Places", on May 3, at the Rialto Theatre. Narrated, in person, by Bob DeLoss. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce or at the door. For more information, call the Chamber at 989-348-2921.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of May 3 - 9, is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during May 3-9.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live mortar firing, May 4-6.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, May 4-9.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, May 4-6 and May 9.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Rd., and on the east by Carrier Rd., May 5.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, May 4-5.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on May 4-5. Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to

Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-989-344-6320.

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Mercy Hospital hosts Health Careers Camp

Mercy Hospital Grayling hosts a special Health Careers Exploration Camp for students entering grades 5-8 on June 18 at the hospital. Registration deadline is May 18.

Sandy Lewis, of Human Resources at the hospital, said cost for the 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. camp is \$10. Students will attend interactive sessions and participate in on-site job shadowing to learn about careers in:

Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Radiology Technologist, EMT/Paramedic, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Services and Pharmacy.

The camp is limited to the first 25 registrants. Lunch will be provided as part of the enrollment fee. Full payment must accompany registration. Checks or money orders should be made out to Mercy Hospital Grayling. Registration forms are available by calling Human Resources at (989) 348-0570.

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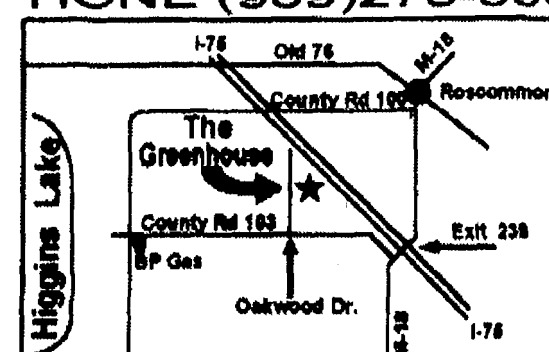
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Romans 5:12 reminded us that sin and death were brought into the world by Adam's sin and fall in the Garden of Eden. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." All have sinned in Adam. This truth is confirmed and further explained by Romans 5:13,14: "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come."

God has always saved by grace and ruled by law in every generation of humans. The universality of the sin of Adam imputed unto all humans throughout history is evidence of this. As we saw last week, God's universal flood destroying all humans except Noah's family was one proof of the universality of sin before the law of Moses. The continuing death of infants proves the imputation of Adam's sin on all humans. Otherwise, why do babies die who have

committed no personal sin? Adam's sin and fall corrupted all of non-human creation as well. (Romans 8:20-23).

All of us have sinned in Adam and therefore Adam's sin is imputed to us. It may be said that we sinned in Adam the same way Levi paid tithes through Abraham to Melchisedec while being yet unborn. Hebrews 7:9,10: "And as I may say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him." We also sinned in Adam in that he represented all of us as God's appoint head of the human race. God visits the iniquities of the fathers upon the children. (Exo. 20:5; 34:7; Num. 14:18).

Not only does the universality of sin prove the imputation of Adam's sin, but also the universality of death as stated in Romans 5:14: "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come." Universal death is the penal evil of Adam's sin imputed upon us resulting in death. Only Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating of the forbidden tree in the midst of the Garden of Eden. But death still reigns upon all human

beings even if we have not personally committed the sins Adam committed.

While all of us have a sin nature from Adam, and all of us have practiced sin in some way, yet our personal sin nature and practice is not that which brings God's judicial condemnation upon us. It is the sin and death of Adam imputed to us. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Every human being except Jesus Christ has been born into the family of Adam. (Christ alone was virgin-born of the seed of woman.) There are but two families upon the face of the earth those born of the seed of Adam and those born-again into Christ Jesus through faith in the seed of God's Word. (1 Pet. 1:23).

This is why Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:3-7 that, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Being born of Adam's flesh is not enough; we must be born-again of God. Pastor "B"

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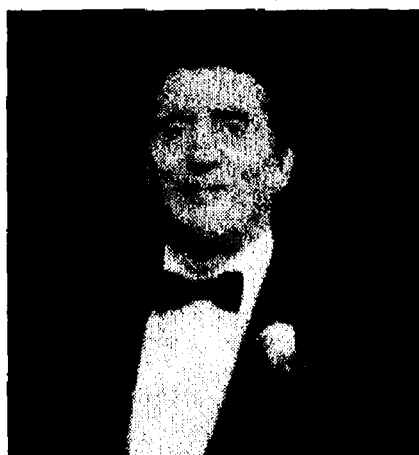
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OBITUARIES



Philip J. Savoie

Aug. 14, 1925 - April 18, 2007
Philip Joseph Savoie, 81, of Grayling, passed away on April 18, 2007, at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

He was born on August 14, 1925, in Dryburg. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1943, in Sault Sainte Marie.

He married Rose Catherine Desrochers on August 28, 1946.

He began his working career in the heating and cooling business where he worked for 20 years. He retired as a tinsmith from Flint Metal Fabrication.

He was a member of AFL - CIO 639 Flint. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, Knights of Columbus Council 1982, where he served as Grand Knight 1991-1994, and was awarded Star Council for three of those years. He also served as K of C District Deputy for 5 years.

The couple settled in Grayling in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, of 60 years, Rose Catherine, nine children: June Savoie (Doty Latuszek), Patricia (Phil) Bryce, Ken (Catherine) Savoie, Cathy (Mark) Krueger, Theresa (Robert) Root, Rebecca (Charles) Goff, Christine (Duane) Averill, Mark (Karen) Savoie and Ann (Rick) Kloska; 27 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two sisters, Sr. Lucy Savoie CSJ, three brothers: Clement, Ronald and Peter Savoie.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond and Lucy Savoie; and five brothers: August, Homer, Leo, Henry and Fred Savoie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, on April 23, with Reverend Robert W. Nalley officiating. Interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 708 Peninsular Ave, Grayling, MI 49738 or Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

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Jean J. Fenn

July 15, 1917 - April 27, 2007
Jean J. Fenn, 89, of Grayling, passed away on April 27, 2007.

She was born on July 15, 1917, in Monroe, to C. Clyde and Edith (Ilgenfritz) Johnson.

She married Willis Fenn, who preceded her in death.

She has lived in Grayling for a year and a half, coming from Traverse City.

She is survived by her daughter, Lois (Norman) Muse of Fla.; son, Barry W. (Angela) Fenn of Grayling; grandchildren, Justin and Erica Fenn; and brother, Jordan (Packy) Johnson of Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Willis, and sister, Kay Replogle.

No services are planned at this time.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



David M. Baker

A short graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 10, at 9 a.m., at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling for David Michael Baker.

LIBRARY NEWS

Anne-Marie Oomen, author of "House of Fields: Memories of a Rural Education" will be at the Devereaux Memorial Library, at 6:30 p.m., on May 9. Oomen is coming as part of the Library of Michigan's 2007 "Michigan's Notable Authors Tour."

Friends of the Crawford County libraries invites everyone for an evening of first rate storytelling, book signing and questions and answer time.

H.U.G.S.

HUGS group (History United with Genealogy) will be meeting from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on May 7, at the Devereaux Memorial Library.

There will be sharing and discussing challenges that arise when trying to create a family history. Refreshments will be served. The computers will be available for use for anyone wishing to search their family history. Come and join us. The Crawford County Library is "your" library and we are here to make your family history search easier.

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Western Michigan University
In April, Antonio Sala, completed his undergraduate degree at Western Michigan University. He has been accepted to begin working on his Master's in Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Western Michigan University in the fall. He has plans to pursue a Doctorate in Behavior Analysis following his Master's degree.

Sala, is the son of Debra Sala and grandson of Gloria Post.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, May 4 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, and fresh fruit salad. No Dinner. 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, May 7 - Lunch - oven fried chicken, hot German potato salad, green beans, and mixed fruit. Dinner - pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, asparagus, and pears. 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hearing Clinic, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee and speaker- upcoming school elections.

Tuesday, May 8 - Lunch - Shepherd's pie, zucchini, cauliflower, and grapes. Dinner - salmon patty with cream sauce, peas and carrots, green beans and peaches. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. quilting and Bible study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. Bunco, 6:30 p.m. housing commission board meeting.

Wednesday, May 9 - Lunch- BBQ beef on a bun, coleslaw, corn, and mandarin oranges. Dinner - Birthday Dinner- chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, smothered squash, and cherry crisp. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. AARP drivers safety class, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. commodities at St. Mary's, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens and 'Unlucky Sevens', 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. white elephant auction.

Thursday, May 10 - Lunch- beef vegetable stew, biscuit, brussel sprouts, and banana. Dinner - lemon pepper chicken, winter blend vegetables, beets, and tropical fruit salad. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. AARP drivers safety class, 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 85 complaints the week of April 23 - April 29:

Fourteen general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, two trees-brush-grass fires, one delinquent minors, seven false alarm activations, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, one burglary-home invasion, five larcenies, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one damage to property-private property, 11 public peace/disorderlies, two OUILs/UBALs, one operating while intoxicated, one health and safety, one conservation, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, 10 traffic accidents, one parking violations, one inspections/investigations-motor vehicle, five inspections/investigations-family, eight inspections/investigations-suspicious, three driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

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For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

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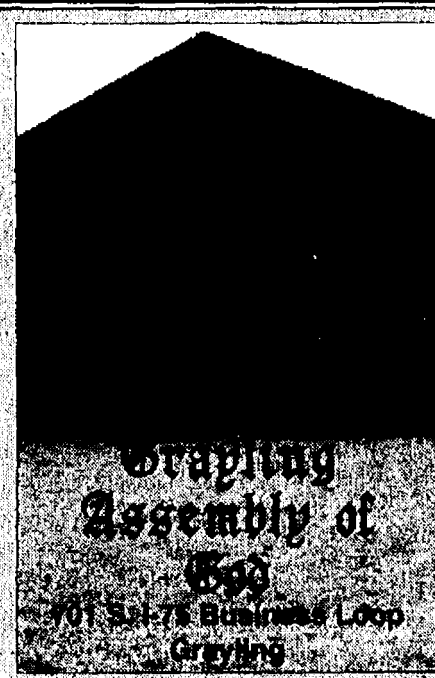
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Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth Service 11 am
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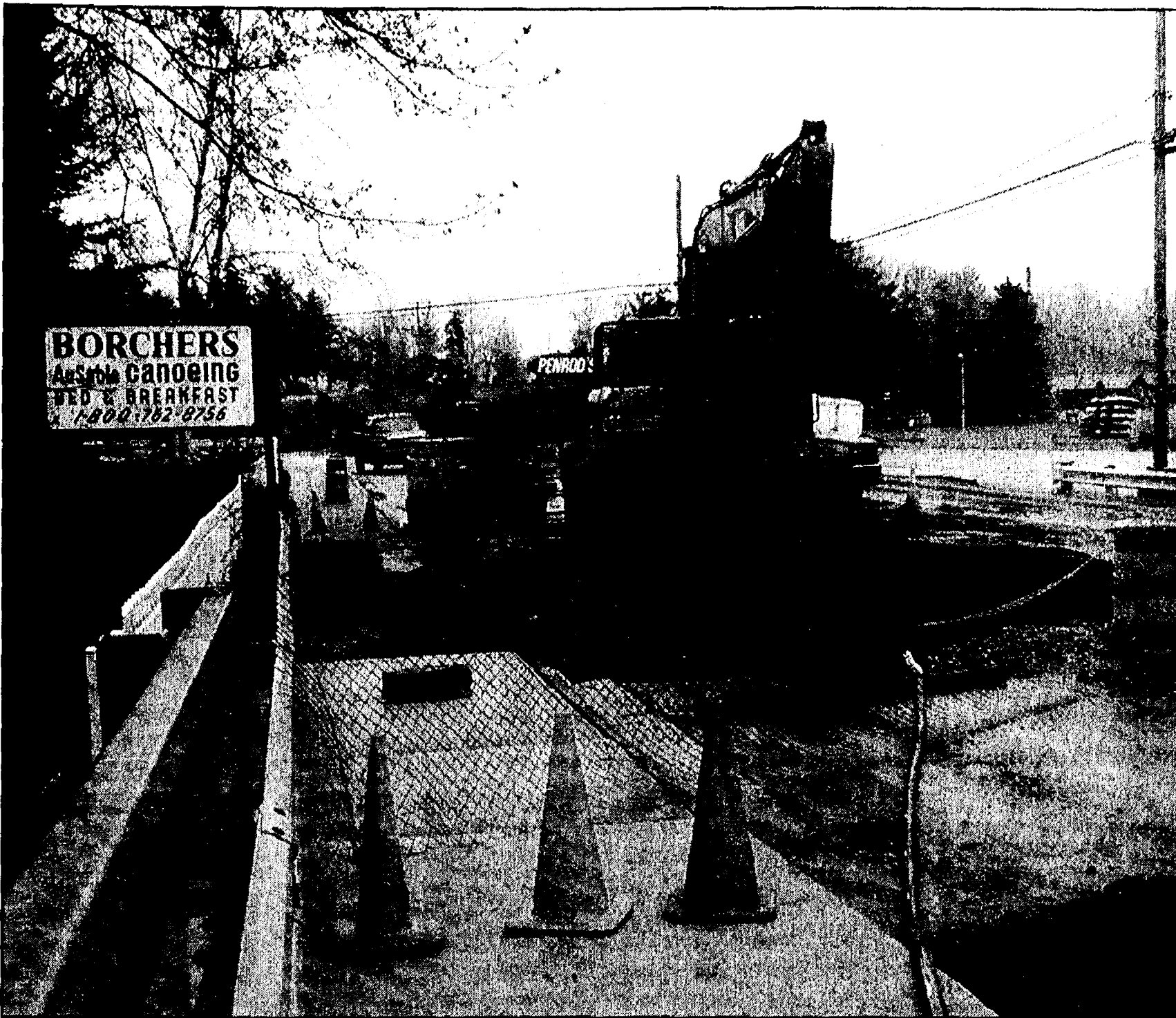
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Rerouting traffic around river



The Maple Street Bridge crossing the AuSable River was closed on Monday as the City of Grayling's storm water runoff project resumed. The bridge was closed so that contractors could install a vortech unit - a cement structure which filters trash, pollutants and sediments from the storm water before it flows into the AuSable River. The bridge is expected to be reopened by Friday, May 4.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dredging approved for AuSable River

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the Waters Resources Development Act.

Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, said that the measure includes a number of important northern Michigan dredging projects. Dredging involves digging out the bottom of a river, lake or harbor to provide the safe passage for ships and freighters.

The Waters Resources bill includes provisions authorizing the Corps to dredge a portion of the AuSable River at the mouth of the river where it enters Lake Huron in Oscoda County that is important to local businesses.

"Without dredging the AuSable River, boaters would have trouble accessing the river without risking severe damage to their boats," Stupak said. "This would be detrimental to local marinas, restaurants and other businesses that rely on boating traffic for customers."

As part of the bill, the House also adopted an amendment that Stupak authored, aimed at correcting an Administration policy for harbor dredging that discriminates against smaller cities and towns.

"The legislation that we passed today instructs the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete a number of critically important northern Michigan projects," Stupak said. "These projects are vital to the economic viability of northern Michigan communities and industry. The legislation also makes important strides towards protecting our Great Lakes."

The Stupak amendment, which was co-sponsored by Congressman Pete Hoekstra (R-Holland) and Congressman Bill Dalahunt, (D-MA), would prohibit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from using a tonnage-based standard for determining which harbors to dredge. The tonnage based standard meant

the U.S. Army Corps considered the amount of freight that went through a harbor or port while contemplating a dredging project.

"The Administration tonnage-based standard is unfairly biased against rural communities and harbors," Stupak said. "Not only does the policy hurt small-town America, but it is penny-wise and pound foolish. Two-thirds of all shipping in the United States either starts or finishes at small ports. By ignoring the needs of these communities, the Corps is also significantly harming the nation's economy."

"Stupak noted that northern Michigan harbors are hit hard by the Corps' unfair tonnage rules."

"Harbors like Ontonagon, Cheboygan, Grand Marais, Keweenaw, Waterway, Menominee, Marquette, Tawas Bay, Whitefish Point and Petoskey lose out under the Corps' tonnage guidelines,"

Stupak said. "Dredging is essential, not only to the economy of rural communities worldwide, but especially to northern Michigan towns."

Veterans groups continue outreach programs despite rising costs

by Brooke Meier
Capitol News Service

For the past seven years, the American Legion received a consistent flow of money from the state but faces an increase in expenses.

But the lack of money won't keep it from continuing its outreach services, said Pat Lafferty, state adjutant for the American Legion in Michigan.

"We are very grateful that the state hasn't cut our budget and grants, but we could use a little boost to help ease the financial burden of traveling costs," he said.

Lafferty said the American Legion and 10 other veteran groups received a combined \$3.9 million from the state this year.

Members of the American Legion, with 467 posts throughout the state, travel to events like job fairs, parades and reunions to help veterans sign up for benefits and file claims.

John Nelson, director of the American Legion in Michigan, said a top priority is getting in touch with veterans as they come home from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"It's imperative that we reach these returning soldiers so they

can immediately begin to receive their benefits," he said.

Lafferty agreed and said, "You wouldn't believe the number of veterans who don't know about the benefits they can receive."

Lafferty said the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) office in Detroit is bogged down in claims and strapped for both money and staff.

According to a recent department workload report, the Detroit office has more than 19,000 claims pending.

"It's our job to help out and get veterans the care they are entitled to," he said.

Lafferty said the VA was undergoing major restructuring before the start of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

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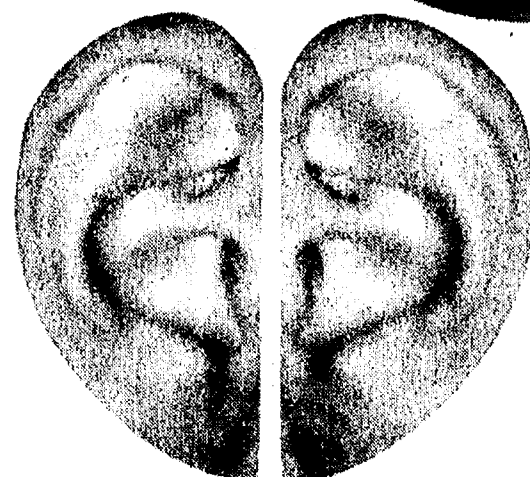
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Upcoming performance at KCPA salutes the Eagles

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts will help take music lovers back to the 1970's and 80's at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, when Hotel California's "A Salute to the Eagles" takes center stage on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon.

The band, Hotel California, was founded with the intent of filling the void left by the demise of the Eagles in 1982 and is comprised of five multi-talented, top music industry professionals.

Together, band members present a dynamic exciting show saluting the music of the Eagles. Each of their concerts present a showcase of mega hits, such as "Take It Easy," "Heartache Tonight" and "Hotel California," as well as newer releases like "Get Over It" and "Love Will Keep Us Alive."

The group's timeless sound is appealing to audiences of all

ages, bringing back memories and touching the heart of every generation.

Ticket prices for the May 12 performance are \$28 and \$26 in advance, or \$30 and \$28 the day of show. Tickets may be purchased online at www.kirtland.edu/kcpa or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777.

Also, tour packages are available through the Maple Valley Restaurant by calling 989-389-7005.

Child care is available at the Children's Learning Center, located just a few hundreds yards away from the KCPA, starting at 7 p.m. the night of the performance. Parents are asked to call the ticket office in advance to schedule this service.

KCPA will be providing a free shuttle service from the college's main parking lot to the lobby before and after the show.



KCPA will be bringing "A Salute to the Eagles" on Saturday, May 12, at the Kirtland College Campus.

BUSINESS NEWS

G. Joe Swain

Chemical Bank Chairman, David B. Ramaker, announced G. Joe Swain will retire as Community Bank President of Chemical Bank - Grayling after 37 years of service with the company.

"Joe has a long history of leadership with our company, serving in senior management positions at a number of our community banks throughout the years. He has done an

excellent job of focusing attention on the unique community banking needs in our northern Michigan markets," said Ramaker. Mr. Swain began his Chemical Bank career in 1970, after serving in the United States Army. Following a series of promotions within Chemical Bank, he became the company's Vice President of Consumer Lending and Credit Card Operations. In 1980, Swain earned the title of Senior Vice President until 1983 when he was promoted to Executive Vice President. One year later he was named President of the former Chemical Bank Gladwin County, headquartered in Beaverton, Michigan. In 1995, Swain was named Community Bank President of Chemical Bank - Grayling, a position he has held until his pending retirement.

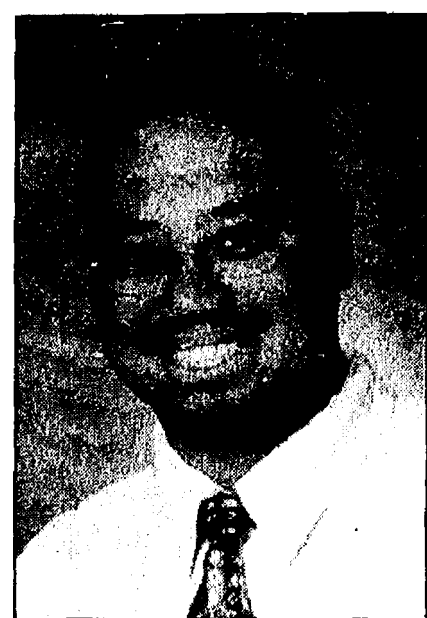
During his tenure in banking, Swain has served in various community capacities throughout the State of Michigan - Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Crawford County

Economic Development Fund, Industrial Development Committee, Finance Committee Member for the River House Shelter, Tri-Lakes Builder's Association, Rotary Club, Eagles, and Loyal Order of the Moose."

Mr. and Mrs. Swain are members of St. Michaels Catholic Church in Roscommon. They have one son and two daughters in various parts of the eastern United States. The Swains plan to maintain residency in the Grayling area.

Darius A. Divina, D.O., an orthopedic surgeon at Mercy Hospital Grayling, recently obtained certification from the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgeons. The certification means he successfully completed both written and oral examinations, and a clinical review consisting of a chart audit and observation of surgical cases.

Dr. Divina practices at Mercy Surgical Services in Grayling and also sees patients at Mercy



Darius A. Divina, D.O.

Family Care in Prudenville. He has special interests in arthroscopic surgery, carpal tunnel syndrome, hand surgery, joint reconstruction, joint replacement, sports medicine, and wrist and forearm disorders.

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Higher fees, smaller discounts, on the horizon for anglers and hunters

by Brian McVicar
Capitol News Service

In an effort to offset potential budget cuts to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), some lawmakers are pushing for more expensive hunting and fishing licenses.

Under the proposal, basic license fees would increase to \$16.25 in 2008, \$17.50 in 2009, \$18.75 in 2010 and \$20 in 2011.

"If we don't get a licensing package, we'll be looking at cuts up to \$8 million next fiscal year, and that would grow to \$40 million by 2010," said Rebecca Humphries, director of the DNR.

License prices, last raised in 1996, haven't kept up with inflation, and the department's share of general tax revenue has been declining, she said.

Budget cuts could lead to layoffs for conservation officers and other staff and less money for fish and wildlife habitat programs, Humphries said.

Ben Pfefferle, president of the Mason County Fish and Feather Club, said he supports higher fees because budget cuts would increase the workload for already overworked DNR conservation officers.

"They just keep squeezing more and more and expanding their duties," Pfefferle said.

Basic hunting and fishing licenses currently cost \$15 each

for Michigan residents.

Keith Charters, chair of the Natural Resources Commission, said the increase would bring Michigan's fees closer to those in other states.

According to DNR, Minnesota, for example, charges \$27 for basic hunting licenses while Wisconsin and Indiana each charge \$24.

The fee increase is one way to address the DNR's declining revenue needs, said Rep. Matt Gillard, D-Alpena, who supports the change.

"I think it's a reasonable compromise for the solution," he said.

The proposal also would lower the 60 percent senior discount to 40 percent by reducing it by 5 percent annually for five years.

Humphries said: "As the majority of our baby boomers age, we're going to have the majority of our hunters on that senior level in the next decade or so. And we can't afford to have the majority of our license buyers getting that 60 percent discount."

According to the DNR, the average hunter in Michigan is 43 years old.

When the DNR began giving a senior discount, the Legislature agreed to make up the lost revenue, Humphries said, but her department hasn't received that money for several years.

The increase also would help make up for the declining number

of hunters in the state, said Jason Dinsmore, resource policy specialist at Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

"It's a national trend and it's affecting Michigan," he said.

According to DNR, there were 2,141,394 hunting and 1,295,43 fishing licenses sold in 2006, generating \$49.9 million, up from \$48 million in 2005.

While that was a revenue increase from 2005, which Mary Dettloff, press secretary for the DNR, attributes to lowering of the hunting age, she said that licenses issued is dropping about 1 percent a year.

Bob Keith, club manager of the Tri-County Sportsmen's League in Saline, said raising license fees is not the solution to the DNR's dwindling revenue.

"I can see an increase, but not as steep as they're proposing," he said. "I would like seniors to be able to hunt for free because they've paid their dues."

Keith said he would like to see the DNR tackle its budget trouble by charging bird watchers and hikers a user fee.

"There are other ways than doubling the license fees" for fishing and hunting, he said.

Limited access to hunting land could be one reason for the lower numbers of hunters in the state, said Rob Southwick, president of Southwick Associates, a Florida

company that tracks the business side of hunting and fishing.

Land is being developed for commercial purposes, which can force people to travel further and invest more time to hunt, he said.

"There could be less opportunity for people to get out there," Southwick said.

And while many states including Florida, which is currently trying to raise its hunting and fishing license fees-adjust their fees every eight to 10 years, some generate revenue differently.

Missouri, for example, allocates one-eighth of every cent collected from sales tax for its natural resources department, Southwick said.

The Michigan legislation would also lower the age requirement for fishing licenses from 17 to 16.

Lowering the age could increase the number of fishing licenses issued in the state, Dettloff said. For every fishing license sold, the federal government gives DNR \$8.18, and each hunting license generates \$9 in federal payments.

But James Bedford, president of the Lansing chapter of Trout Unlimited, questions whether or not the change would help recruit more anglers.

"Maybe that would be a deterrent to buying the license," he said. "Teenagers have a lot of other things to spend their money on."

Roscommon center sparks firefighting technology

by Nick Pelton
Capitol News Service

The old building on East Robinson Lake Road in Roscommon looks out of date, but inside are some of the latest innovations in preventing and fighting forest fires.

The Forest Fire Experiment Station (FFES) was built in 1929 as a firefighting think tank. The technology has radically changed in nearly 80 years, but the purpose remains the same, said Kirk Bradley, who leads the research team.

Inside is the Roscommon Equipment Center, which is the unit that researches and produces modified fire vehicles and equipment.

"We develop new equipment to prevent forest fires," Bradley said. "We've been doing it for quite a while."

For example, the center takes in stripped-down tractors and off-road vehicles with only a driver's seat, and then modifies them to meet firefighting needs, said Scott Heather, the state wildfire supervi-

sor. "They are constantly looking at how to make things better," Heather said.

One such innovation is a bulldozer with a specially designed plow on the back, he said. The bulldozer can navigate through forests and create 6-foot dirt walls, called firebreaks, to slow down or guide the blaze.

"This model is widely known," Heather said. The FFES has been providing these vehicles to other states for more than 30 years.

The equipment center also receives requests from other regions, he continued. For example, 15 years ago, loggers in Maine needed a way to quickly combat small fires. The FFES created a tank-and-pump system that could move quickly and dispense water. Many loggers still use it today.

The station's newest invention is a small, off-road vehicle that holds a water tank big enough to put out a small fire, Heather said.

The biggest challenge was having a large tank that wouldn't

impede its off-road capability or block the driver's visibility, he said.

Now is the most dangerous time for forest fires, said Carol Nilsson, fire information officer at Huron-Manistee National Forest, headquartered in Cadillac. The fire season is usually April and May, she said.

"As the temperature rises, the fire danger goes up," Nilsson said. The FFES hasn't had much chance to use its equipment yet in Michigan this season, she said. "It's been fairly quiet this year, a lot of small fires."

Heather said that doesn't mean the FFES is sitting still. It is currently working on a flamethrower that would hold 50 to 60 gallons of flammable gel.

The gel would burn longer than traditional fuel and cling to the surrounding area, he said.

A flamethrower might sound counterproductive, but it will allow firefighters to burn prescribed areas for fertilization reasons and it will also help stop fires using a burnout technique,

Heather said. That way firefighters can burn the area around a fire to destroy its fuel.

"That station is an interesting place," he said. "It's history folded together with modern technology."

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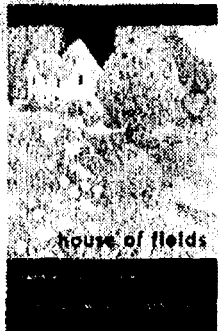
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The Area 4 Special Olympic Swim Team traveled to Lake Superior State University (LSSU) on April 21 for a swim meet. 14 swimmers from Area 4 participated in the event from Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon counties. Four athletes from Grayling were on the team.

Danielle Stevenson won first place for the 50 meter freestyle, second place for the 4X25 meter relay and third place for the 25 meter freestyle.

Cassie Merithew won two

third places for the 25 and 50 meter freestyle and fourth place for the 25 meter backstroke.

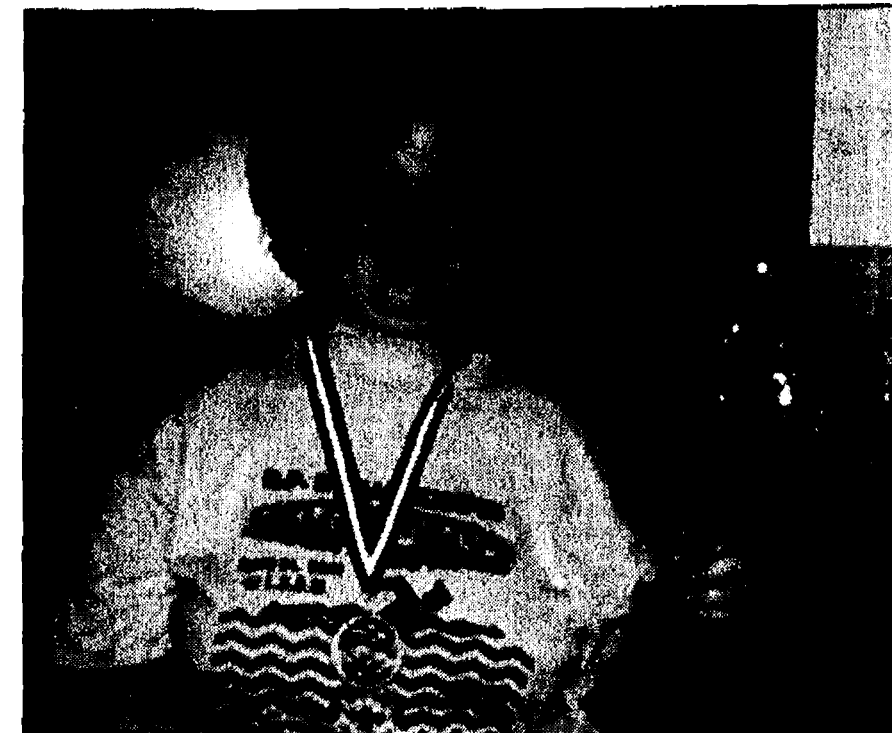
Desiree' Felver won second place for the 25 meter freestyle and the 25 meter backstroke. She took fourth in the 50 meter freestyle.

Jimmy Roman took two first place ribbons for the 15 and 25 meter events.

The team came in fifth place out of nine teams overall. They will be competing in Bay City and Mt. Pleasant before the season ends.



Members of the Area 4 Special Olympic Swim Team (L to R): Desiree' Felver, Jimmy Roman, David Suarez, Danielle Stevenson and Brittany Lauterwasser.



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Roscommon, a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She is the daughter of David and Penny Halverson, of Roscommon.

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Watch on for invading wasps

by Tanya Bigham
Capitol News Service

Michigan foresters are bracing for an invasion of tree-killing wasps.

Roger Mech, a forest health specialist with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said his department has been tracking the threat of the European wood, or sires wasp for a couple of years.

The wood wasp, which poses no threat to humans, was recently found in New York and Ontario and is probably just "across the lake" from Michigan right now, said Mech.

"Once we know where the insect is, we can devise a plan of

attack," he added.

Mech said the wood wasp targets the red, jack and scotch pine. It also appears to prefer "stressed" trees, but will attack healthy trees as its population grows.

The pines, along with other softwood trees such as spruce-fir and northern white cedar, account for 25 percent of the state's forest population, according to the DNR.

One method for detection of the wood wasp is the "cooperative trapping effort," which intentionally stresses pines with an herbicide in the hope they'll attract the wasps, Mech said.

The stressed tree can then be observed to determine whether the wasp has arrived in Michigan.

Jean Perkins, a silviculturist for the Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula said trees die when the female wood wasp deposits her eggs in the tree along with a mucus and fungus that weakens the bark to feed the larvae.

Perkins said that although the wood wasp hasn't established a major population in North America yet, the insect is highly damaging to the trees.

The Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division of the DNR said the wood wasp can cause up to an 80 percent mortality rate in the trees it infects.

The wood wasp is native to Europe, Asia and Northern Africa

and was introduced elsewhere through wooden pallets, crates and firewood.

Perkins warns against transporting firewood because it is the major way that exotic insects spread into uninfected areas.

Mech said his department is optimistic about managing the invasive species and keeping the state's forests healthy.

DNR will focus on public land in areas most likely to be affected, such as the central Upper Peninsula and parts of the northwestern and central Lower Peninsula.

"We're not taking this lightly," said Mech. "We'll know more by the end of the summer."

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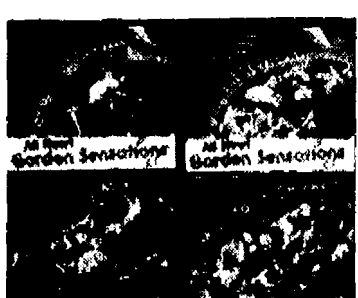
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Caleb is the son of Larry and the Diane Townsend of Charlotte.

Grandmothers of the bride are Elsie Jansen of Grayling and Kathryn Dieterich of Houghton Lake.

Grandparents of the groom are Donald and Mary Lou Toy and DeWain and Leona Townsend of Dowagiac.

The afternoon ceremony was preceded by a violin trio comprised of Karsha, Godwin, and Christine Sathianathan, friends of the bride and groom. Soloist

was Nico Berroa.

Shalee Kanakis served as Matron of Honor. Sarah DeLeeuw, sister of the groom, Lisa Morel, Keri Williamson and Michelle Elsner, friends of the bride, served as bridesmaids. Erica Umlor, god-daughter of the bride's parents, served as the flowergirl.

Jeremy Grove served as Best Man. Kevin Jansen, brother of the bride, Levi Lucks, Ryan Winebrenner and Nathan Grove, friends of the groom, served as groomsmen. Nicholas Hull, nephew of the groom served as ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Royal Scot in Lansing. The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

The newlywed couple reside in Kokomo, Ind.

46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for April 2007

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Diane Bernadette Earl, age 58 of St. Helen - Plead guilty on Feb. 29, 2007 to controlled substance possession of marijuana-second offense-double penalty; sentenced on April 2, 2007 to serve six days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$45 state minimum costs, \$50 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs, \$100 penal fine and \$350 attorney fee.

Stephen Frederick Kennedy, age 39 of Grayling - Plead no contest on March 5, 2007 to assault-weapon; sentenced on April 2, 2007 to serve 365 in jail with credit for 214 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

James Lee Huffman, age 38 of Traverse City - Plead guilty on March 5, 2007 to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se third offense; sentenced on April 2, 2007 to serve 10 months in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$300 circuit court costs, \$500 penal fine, \$350 attorney fee, \$60 crime victim rights fee and \$60 state minimum costs; placed on probation for 24

months.

Russell Jay Hilliker, age 24 of Grayling - Plead no contest on March 5, 2007 to controlled substance possession less than 50 grams; sentenced on April 2, 2007 to serve nine months in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$300 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 18 months.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Dennis Mitchell Darling, age 57 of Grayling - Plead guilty on March 8, 2007 to sex offenders-failure to register second offense; sentenced on April 16, 2007 to serve 13 months to 48 months in prison with credit for 75 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee.

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HONORS

Kirtland Regional Police Academy

The Kirtland Regional Police Academy (KRPA) honored its 24th graduating class during commencement ceremonies at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Kirtland Community College's main campus near Roscommon on April 27.

The graduation ceremony, which is open to the public, is slated to begin at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow immediately afterwards in the Student Center.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. John Vinson, undersheriff for the Isabella County Sheriff's Office. KRPA

director Jerry Boerema and Dr. Charles Rorie, KCC president, will also address the graduates. Cadet Kelly Pratt has been elected as the class speaker.

Also, at the April 27 service, academy coordinator Thomas Grace and members of the faculty will present special awards in recognition of outstanding achievement to the various cadets. Representatives of the KCC Board of Trustees and the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) will also be on hand to congratulate the graduates.

Members of the winter 2007 class include: Adam David (West Branch, sponsored by Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office), Shane Ison (Cheboygan), Nicole Munsey (Grayling), Chas Neff (Hillman), Shane Noble (West Branch, sponsored by Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office), Jeff Nowak (Gaylord), John O'Halloran (Ellsworth), Kelly Pratt (Roscommon) and Jonathan Puroi (Posen).

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Golf team wins Hillman Tournament

■ Vikings off to a 12-0 start this year; Abby Wheeler places 1st overall at Hillman

The GHS girls golf squad improved its 2007 season

record to 12-0 with a first place finish at the eight-team Hillman Tournament last Monday. The Vikings also won the Hillman Tournament last year.

This year, the Vikings placed first with a team score of 396 on

a day that featured mostly rainy weather. Cheboygan finished second with a score of 445. Roscommon, Petoskey, Cheboygan, Hillman, Alpena, Traverse City Central (JV.) and Traverse City West (JV.) also

competed in the tournament.

"The Vikings shot great as a team, placing all four of their golfers in the top ten," Coach Brian Banda said.

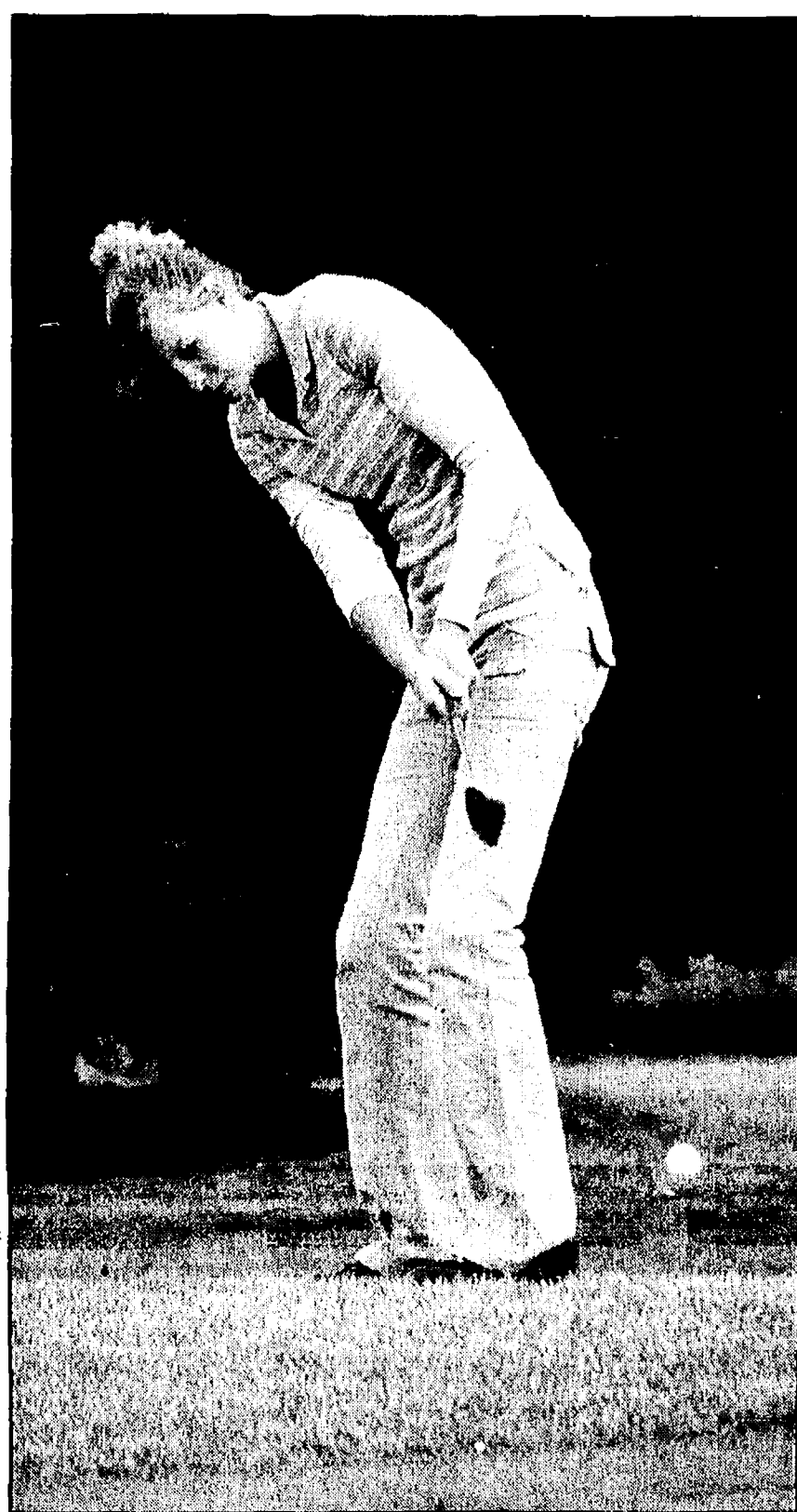
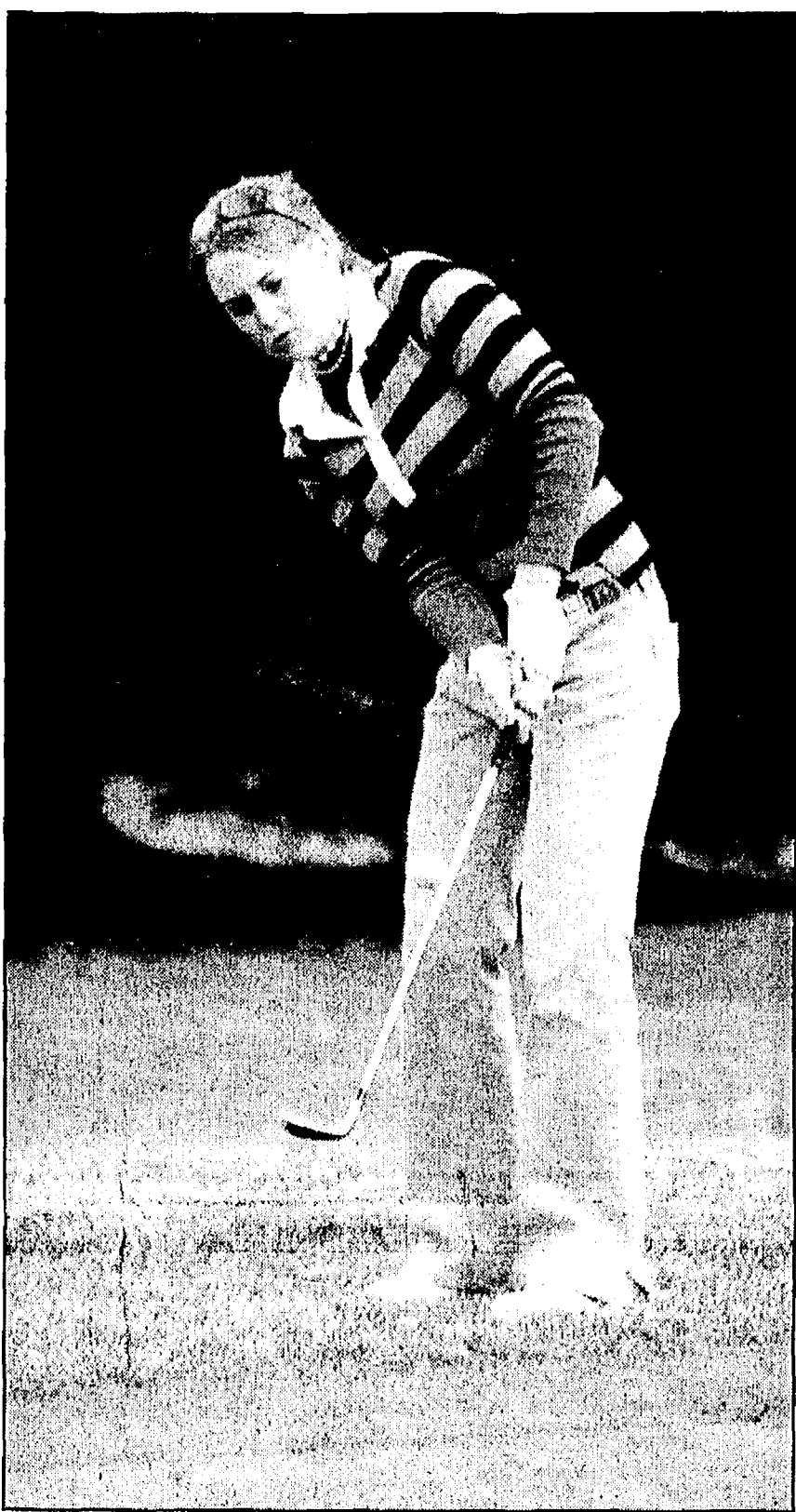
Abby Wheeler was the medalist (1st place overall) for

the tournament with an individual score of 90. Monica Leslie finished 3rd overall with a 101. Kristi Calkins finished 5th overall with a 102 and Alexis Elmy finished 7th with a 103.

The Vikings are now 12-0 on

the season, including wins against Roscommon and Petoskey in their recent season opener.

The team will compete in the Petoskey Tournament on Thursday, May 3.



Kristi Calkins (left), Monica Leslie (center), and Abby Wheeler (right) compete for Grayling during the team's recent season opener vs. Petoskey and Roscommon at Grayling Country Club.

Vikings split baseball series at Boyne City

■ Grayling wins game one 6-2, Boyne City Ramblers take game two 6-2

The Vikings of Grayling High School won one game and lost one during last Tuesday's varsity baseball series at Boyne City. GHS

posted a 6-2 victory in the first game, but lost game two 6-2.

Richard Schreiber pitched for Grayling in game one, allowing four hits and no earned runs while striking out three to pick up the win.

On offense, Jordan Herrick had one hit and two RBI for the Vikings. Schreiber, Rocky

McNamara, Eric Ferrigan, Jacob Aubry, and Andy Hulbert also had hits for GHS.

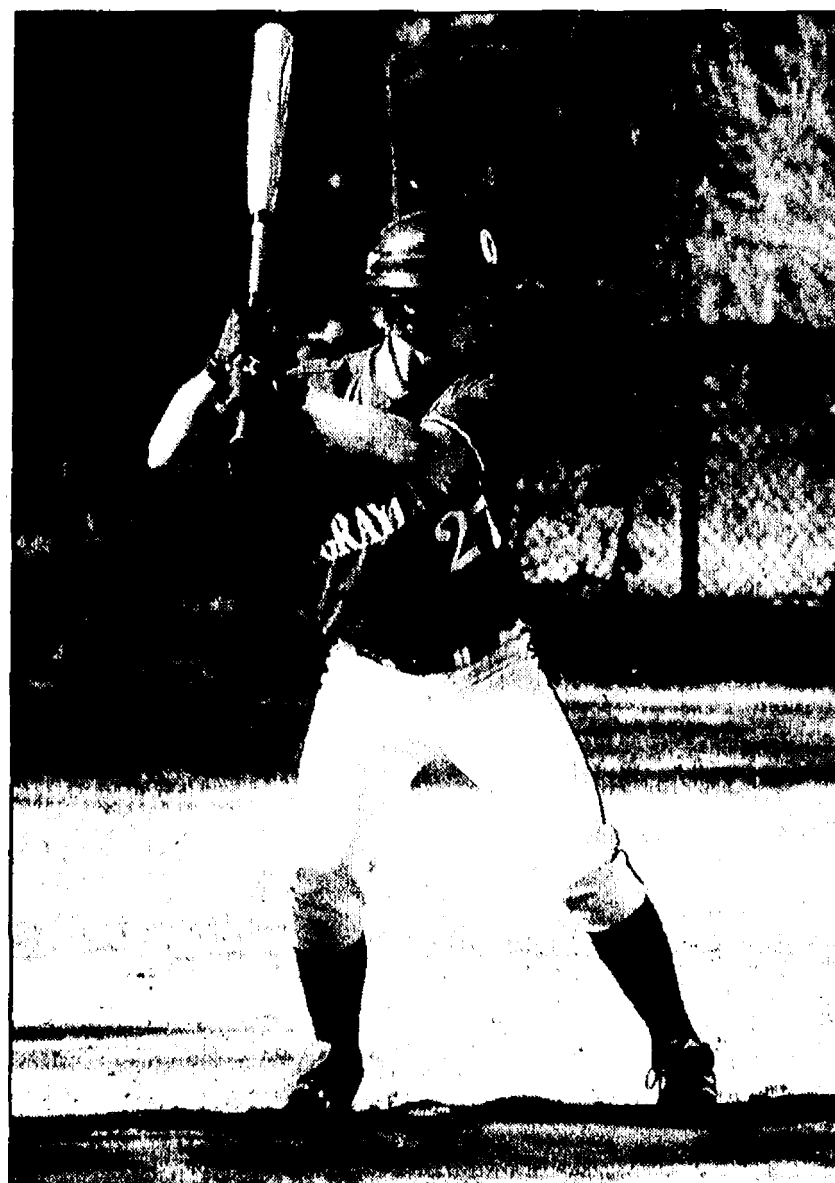
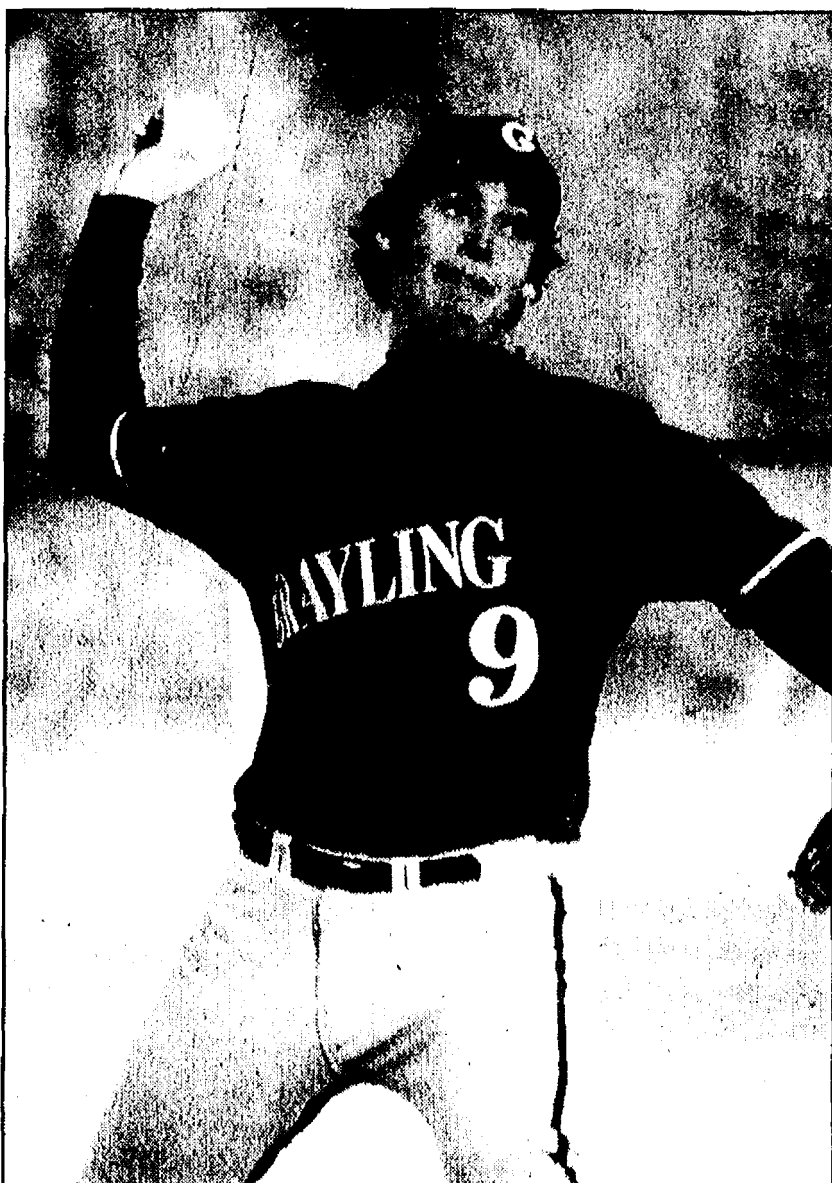
In the second game, Taylor DesEnfants and Herrick pitched for Grayling.

"After spotting them four (runs) in the first, Herrick threw very well, giving up two unearned runs the rest of the

day. We only gave up five hits but had seven walks and that is what hurt us," Coach John Schneider said. "We hit the ball very well but right to them. We had three balls that at any other field probably would have been home runs."

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See "VIKINGS SPLIT..."



(Left) Jordan Herrick pitches for Grayling. (Right) Jacob Aubry bats for the Vikings.

GHS track teams place 2nd, 3rd at tournament in East Jordan

■ Grayling's boys team finishes 2nd, girls squad takes 3rd on Monday night

Grayling High School's boys and girls track squads placed 2nd and 3rd, respectively, at the East Jordan Invitational, a five-team meet held last Monday. The event included four Lake Michigan Conference teams - Grayling, Kalkaska, Traverse

City St. Francis, and East Jordan - and squads from Ellsworth.

In the boys competition, Grayling placed second. Final team standings included: Kalkaska 119, Grayling 75, St. Francis 71, East Jordan 44, Ellsworth 39.

Individual placements for the Vikings: 110-Meter Hurdles - Nick Parkinson, 2nd (16.68);

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Jon George runs in a dash event for Grayling High School.

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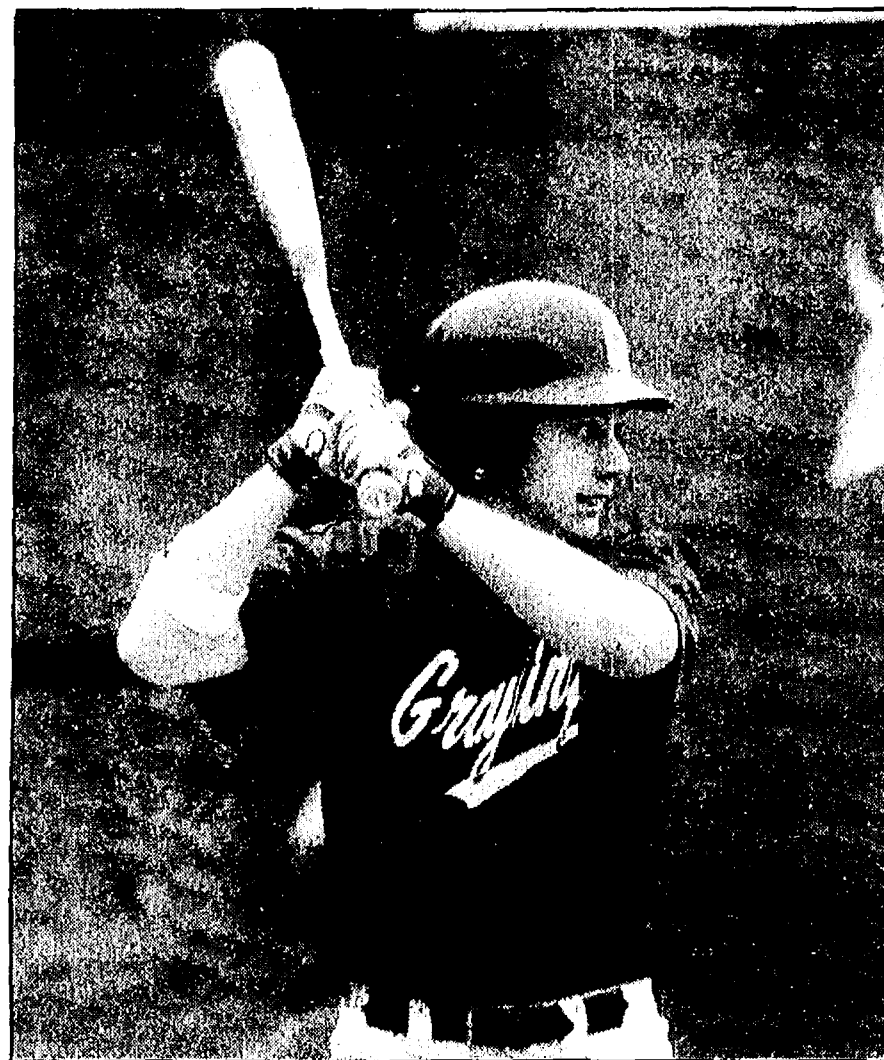
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JV baseball team wins series vs. Ramblers



(Left) Mike Davis pitches for Grayling High School's junior varsity baseball team during the squad's series vs. the Boyne City Ramblers last Tuesday at GHS. (Right) Trent Larm slides into home plate to score a run for the Vikings. Grayling won both games of the doubleheader.



(Left) Geo Bindschatel leads off at second base. (Right) Jimmy Osga bats for the Vikings on Tuesday.

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(Left) Liz Dandy bats for the JV Vikings vs. Boyne City last Tuesday. (Right) Melissa Eckstorm runs from second base to third base on Tuesday.

JV softball team hosts Boyne City

In a junior varsity softball doubleheader last Tuesday at Grayling High School, the Vikings lost to the Boyne City Ramblers by final scores of 20-5 and 20-4.

In game one, Nicole Metzger had two hits and two runs scored for the Vikings. Mary Bolick had one hit and two RBI. Metzger pitched for Grayling.

In the second game of the

series, Naomi Anglemeyer had one hit and two runs scored. Erica Moggo had one hit.

"The big hit for the night came from Naomi. She smacked it to deep center field for a double," Coach Kim Johnston said.

"We are down to 11 girls. Kelsey (Neuberger) and MacKenzie (Wellman) moved up to varsity officially this week. The girls work hard in practice

and give it all they have at each game, but we haven't been able to produce a strong defense and offense in the same game. If we could eliminate the first inning of the last four games, we would have had much closer games. We gave up 34 runs in the past four games just in the first inning," Coach Johnston said.

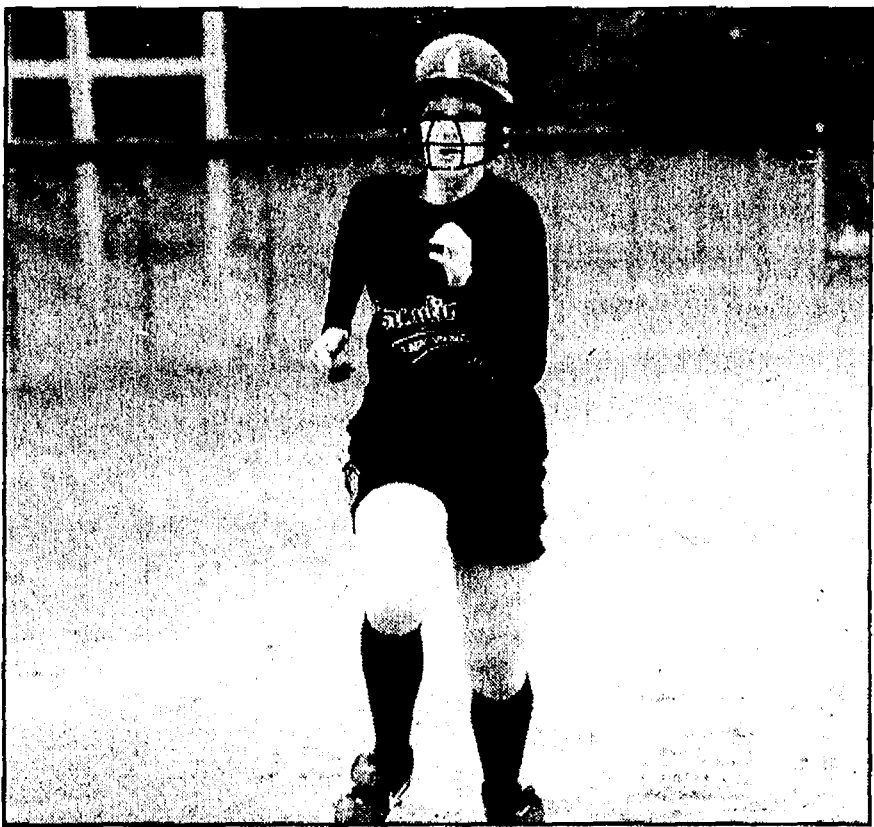
"An exciting moment for the team is when Nicki Osga said she

would be assistant coach and work with the pitchers. She comes with a wealth of experience and her stuff. The girls really like her and are learning how to pitch from the ground up," Coach Johnston said. "If we can get our pitching going, I know we will see some wins in our column."

The Vikings play at Tawas on Thursday, May 3, at 4 p.m.



(Left) Naomi Anglemeyer runs from second to third vs. Boyne City last week. (Right) Hannah Smith bats for GHS vs. the Ramblers.



(Left) Nicole Metzger pitches for Grayling against Boyne City. (Right) Joelissa Kolka runs from third base to home plate on Tuesday night.



Shortstop Jessica Zarnick tosses the ball to third base.

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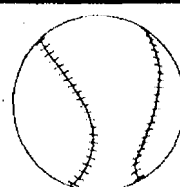
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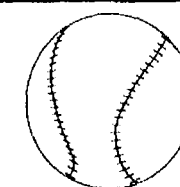
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GHS track teams place 2nd, 3rd at tournament in East Jordan

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"I was impressed with the improvements we made this week. We now have a few guys

with a legitimate shot of making it to states. With that being said, none of that matters unless we perform at regionals," Coach Tim Sanchez said.

The GHS girls track squad placed third out of five teams at last Monday's meet at East Jordan.

Final team standings: Traverse City St. Francis 108, East Jordan 97, Grayling, 45, Ellsworth 42, Kalkaska 34.

The Vikings won three events and placed in six others: High Jump - Rachel Ward, 1st (4' 11"); Long Jump - Mollie Golnick, 4th (12' 03"); 100-Meter Dash - Hailey McMahon, 2nd (13.75); 800-Meter Relay - Jamie Hagerman, Angie Martella, Ward, McMahon, 1st (1:53.87); 1600-Meter Run -

Rachel Doremire, 5th (6:40.75); 400-Meter Relay - Adrianna Voelker, Hagerman, Martella, McMahon, 2nd (56.33); 400-Meter Dash - Ward, 1st (1:04.42); 200-Meter Dash - McMahon, 3rd (29.03), Hagerman, 4th (29.33).

"(The team's) performance was outstanding in all events," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "Rachel Ward took home three first place finishes in the high jump, 400-meter dash, and 800-meter relay. Due to a few girls out because of sickness, only 13 girls competed and compiled 45 points."

"All the girls performed well tonight," Coach Gariglio said.

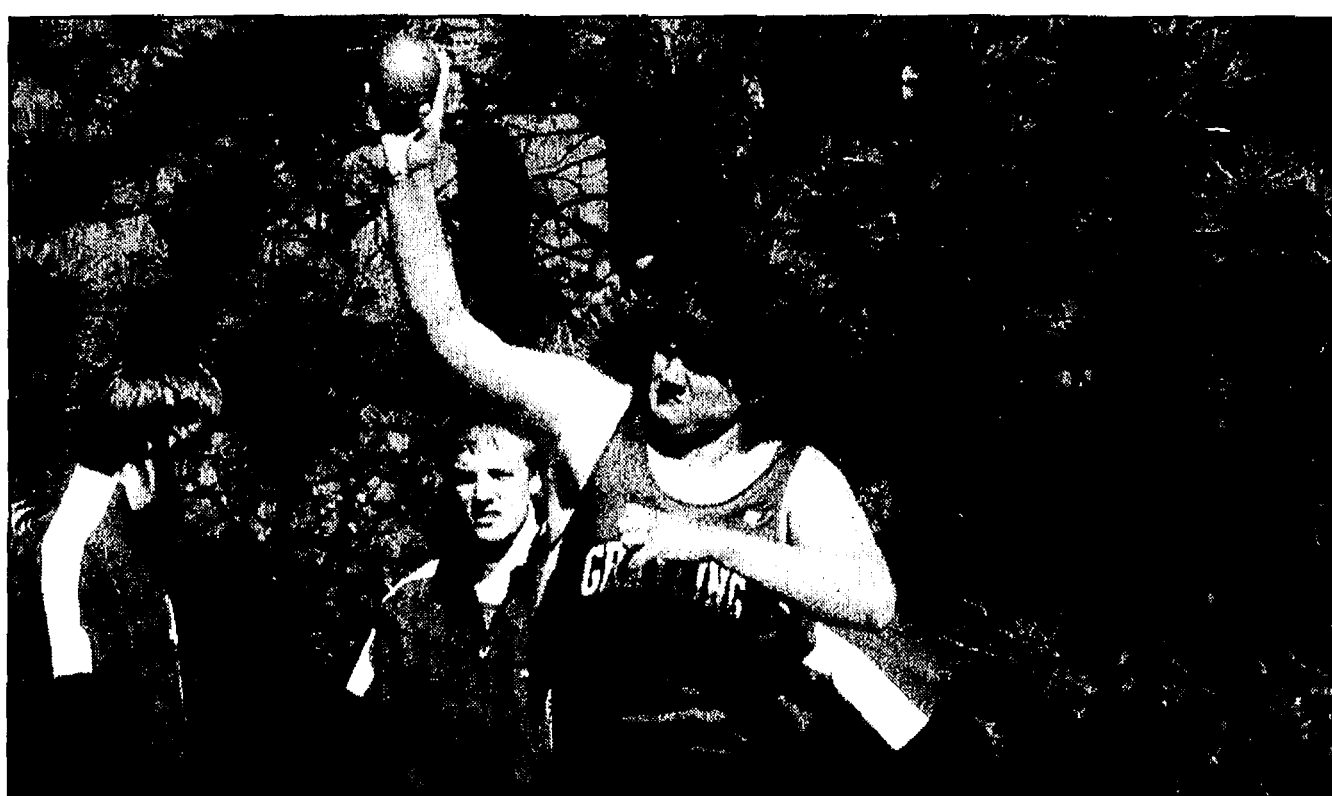
The Vikings will compete in the Gaylord Relays on Friday, May 3.



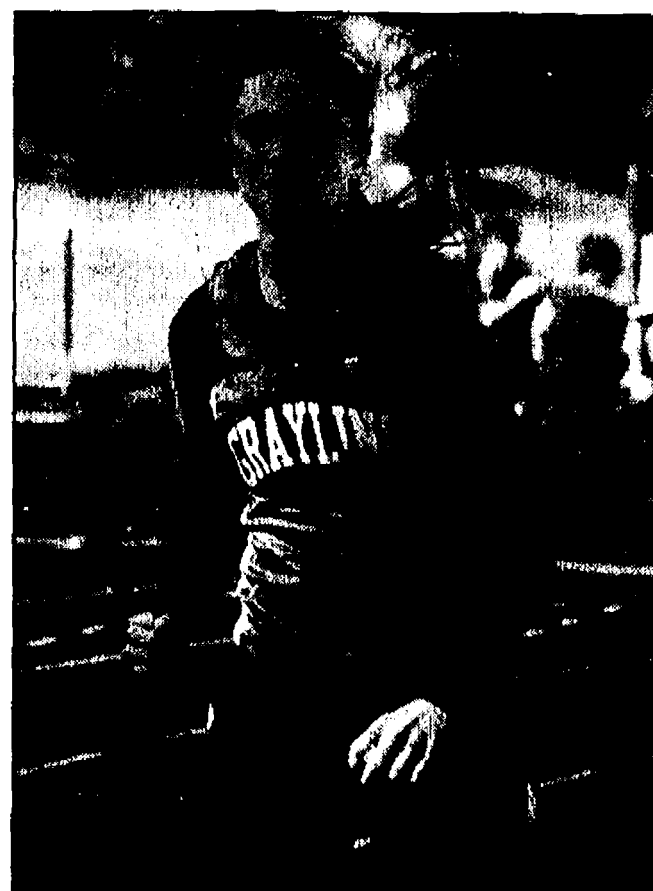
Nick Parkinson hands the baton to Janosch Kluge during a relay race.



Heaven Bergman throws the discus for the Vikings.



Brandon Bieda throws the shot put for GHS.



Tim VanNuck (left) and Annie Melroy (right) run in dash events.

Softball team falls to Boyne City 7-3, 10-0

Vikings play in three games on Saturday at Standish Tournament

The GHS varsity softball team played a league doubleheader at Boyne City last Tuesday and played three games at the Standish Tournament on Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost both games at Boyne City by final scores of 7-3, 10-0.

Leading hitters for Grayling in game one were: Samantha Schreiber, 1 for 3, single, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases; Ashley Bindschatel, 2 for 3, single, double, 1 stolen base; Joni Bindschatel, 1 for 1, single, 2 walks, 1 stolen base.

J. Bindschatel pitched all of game one, allowing five hits, four earned runs, and striking out four batters.

In game two, Grayling's leading hitters were: Monica Peters, 1 for 3, single; Candice Odden, 1

for 1, single, 1 stolen base.

"Our defense has really put us in some tough situations that are difficult for a young team to dig out of. The combination of errors, passed balls and wild pitches forces our offense to play catch up the entire game," Coach Keri Brock said. "Offensively we have players like Ashley Bindschatel, Joni Bindschatel and Candice Odden seeing the ball pretty well and finding holes. However, we haven't been able to string many hits together to make it count. We had a few bases loaded situations that we weren't able to capitalize on and that really kills our momentum."

"In game two we started off strong and battled for four innings but lacked the maturity to finish. One bad late inning put an otherwise two-run game out of reach. Boyne City's pitcher was able to keep our hitters off-balance with a decent change-up and we only managed two hits," Coach Brock said.

On Saturday, the Vikings played three games in the Standish Tournament, starting with a 17-0 loss vs. the Standish Panthers.

J. Bindschatel was 1 for 1 with a single in the game.

The Vikings fell to Houghton Lake 15-7.

J. Bindschatel pitched two innings (4 hits, 1 strikeout, 5 walks, 5 earned runs) and Kelsey Neuberger pitched two innings (2 hits, 1 strikeout, 3 walks, 3 earned runs).

Grayling's offensive leaders included: A. Bindschatel, 2 for 3, 2 singles, 1 run scored, walk; Peters, 2 walks, 1 run scored; Megan Etzler, 1 for 1, single, 2 walks, 2 runs scored, 1 stolen base; J. Bindschatel, 2 for 2, 2 singles.

Grayling lost to Gladwin 27-3.

Neuberger and J. Bindschatel pitched for the Vikings.

Grayling's offense included: Gabby Calkins, 1 for 2, single; A. Bindschatel, walk, 1 run scored;

Peters, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 stolen base; J. Bindschatel, 1 for 1, single, 1 run scored, walk; Schreiber, 2 for 2, 2 singles, 1 run scored.

"We spotted our opponents 29 first inning runs in the Standish Tournament. Standish and Gladwin were hitting the ball hard and we didn't take advantage of potential outs to slow them down," Coach Brock said. "In the second game of the tournament against Houghton Lake we staged a six-run second inning but it wasn't enough to overcome the eight errors on defense. There were a lot of lessons to learn from this tournament experience, especially for the six girls playing in one for the first time. We will see Houghton Lake again on May 29 and will hopefully rebound from this and play the way we are capable of."

Last Thursday's series vs. Gaylord was rained out.

On Thursday, May 3, the Vikings will host Tawas at 4 p.m.



(Left) Joni Bindschatel pitches for Grayling. (Right) Monica Peters bats for the Vikings.

Vikings split baseball series at Boyne City

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Stapleton, Aubry, Schreiber, McNamara, and Ferrigan all had hits for the Vikings.

On Saturday, the Vikings lost two close games in the Standish Sterling Tournament. Grayling fell to Houghton Lake 5-4 and lost to Standish 6-4.

In the game vs. Houghton Lake, Grayling led 1-0 until the Bobcats tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Grayling scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to lead

4-1, but Houghton Lake scored four times in the bottom of the seventh inning to win it.

Schreiber pitched for the Vikings, striking out seven and allowing six hits.

"Schreiber pitched outstanding," Coach Schneider said. "He really deserved to win and the team let a great performance go for naught."

Aubry was 2 for 4 with a double, two runs scored, and two RBI. DesEnfants was 2 for 2 and scored a run. Stapleton had two

hits. McNamara and Ethan Neuberger each had one hit for GHS.

In the 6-4 loss to Standish, DesEnfants was the starting pitcher for Grayling. He allowed two earned runs in three innings, and Derek Etzler pitched in relief, allowing two hits and one earned run.

Aubry was 2 for 3 with three RBI. Stapleton, Herrick, and Sean Hernandez also had hits for the Vikings.

"I was pleased in the way we battled after the Houghton Lake game against Standish. The Panthers are one of the best teams in the NEMC and we showed we can compete with them. You can never be happy losing games but this might have been the best baseball a Grayling team has played in a while. We executed offensively and defensively when we had plays on and our pitching kept us in the games. We are very young and the growing pains hurt, but these kids play hard and don't give up, and truly play as a team," Coach Schneider said.

Grayling's current hitting leaders include: Stapleton, .542

(13/24), 11 runs scored, 4 RBI; Aubry, .370 (10/27), 6 runs scored, 6 RBI; McNamara, .333 (8/24), 4 runs scored, 6 RBI; Herrick, .320 (8/25), 5 RBI.

Grayling will host the Tawas Braves at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. Last Thursday's series against Gaylord was canceled due to poor weather.



Andy Hulbert bats for Grayling.

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IT IS ORDERED:

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A copy of this order shall be published one each week in the Crawford County Avalanche for three consecutive weeks, and a proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Date: 4-9-07
Judge
Honorable Monte J. Burmeister P48732 -19

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Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Varsity Baseball
Coach: John Schneider
JACOB AUBRY

During Saturday's tournament at Standish, Aubry was 4 for 7 with 5 RBI. "The sophomore has been playing very well for us in various positions on the field and hit very well over the week," his coach said.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Girls Track
Coach: Tim Gariglio
RACHEL WARD

Rachel finished first in both the high jump and 400-meter dash last week. She also helped lead the 800-meter team to a first place finish at East Jordan.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week

Varsity Softball
Coach: Keri Brock
JONI BINDSCHATEL

"Joni has adjusted to varsity play very well as a freshman. She leads our team with a .636 batting average through the first nine games of the season. This past week Joni went 5 for 6, adding three walks and one run scored," her coach said.

IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cynthia S Johnston and James H Johnston, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2004, and recorded on July 14, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 956, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand One Hundred Sixty And 18/100 Dollars (\$81,160.18), including interest at 6.91% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 22 Town 26 North Range 2 West lying East of the County Road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 12, 2007. For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304. Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #116495F02

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, and Lot 18, Ausable Trails, According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 26, 2007. For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309. Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #139428F01

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 30, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, and Lot 18, Ausable Trails, According to the Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 26, 2007. For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309. Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #139428F01

LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Milan R. Alexander, a single person, to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2001 and recorded August 31, 2001 in Liber 551, Page 274, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 16/100 Dollars (\$101,972.16) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 30, 2007.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10, Harbor Beach, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 42 and 43, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 26, 2007
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 200.2151
-26-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A Parens and Tamara L Parens, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2006, and recorded on March 2, 2006 in Liber 680 on Page 9, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six And 35/100 Dollars (\$214,446.35), including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 30, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Description No. 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 1331.5 feet to the point of beginning; Thence North 1 degree 19 minutes 22 seconds East 494.39 feet; Thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 41 seconds West 33 feet; Thence North 26 degrees 09 minutes 3 seconds West 192.16 feet; Thence North 47 degrees 32 minutes 16 seconds West 830 feet; Thence North 72 degrees 41 minutes 4 seconds West 164.49 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds East 33 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 42 seconds West 408.57 feet; Thence South 1 degree 24 minutes 21 seconds West 2049.62 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes East 778.02 feet; Thence North 1 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 373.2 feet; Thence North 1 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 373.5 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes East 584 feet to point of beginning.

And Description No. 2: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West; Thence North 1 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 958 feet to the point of beginning; Thence North 1 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 373.5 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes West 33 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes West 551 feet; Thence South 1 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds West 373.5 feet; Thence South 89 degrees

35 minutes East 584 feet to the point of beginning
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: April 26, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
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-26-3-10-17

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric J. Felix and Kelly V. Felix, husband and wife as joint tenants of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company, A Corporation dated the 23rd day of November, A.D. 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of December, A.D. 2004, in Liber 672 of Crawford Records, on page 757, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$62,750.48 (sixty two thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars and forty eight cents) plus accrued interest at 7.25% (seven point two five) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that, on the 23rd day of May, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan,, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GRAYLING, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, VIS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH ? CORNER OF SECTION 14, T26N, R2W; THENCE S0(46'W, 660.54 FEET; THENCE N89(34'W 656 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WEST 204.02 FEET; THENCE S0(48'49"W, 813.45 FEET TO THE CENTER OF WAKELEY BRIDGE ROAD; THENCE N65(42'W, 226.25 FEET; THENCE N1(32'30"E, 715.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: 2248 Wakeley Bridge Rd.

Tax ID: 20-040-40-014-05-085-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 19, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48084
WWR#05911006
-19-26-3-10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn Crowell, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 2004, and recorded on April 15, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 393, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five And 86/100 Dollars (\$110,445.86), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 6, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, block 3, Sixth Addition to Portage Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 3, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #115161F02
-3-10-17-24

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Christa Kessler and Matthew Kessler, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 11, 2004, and recorded on April 16, 2004 in Liber 667 on Page 607, and assigned by said Mortgagee to NetBank as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here- of the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Six And 35/100 Dollars (\$51,786.35), including interest at 7.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 6, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: A parcel of land located in the East 1/2 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 4 West described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 24, thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line 663.78 feet for point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 40 minutes 25 seconds East 672.7 feet; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 33 seconds East 663.35 feet; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds West 671.75 feet; thence North 00 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds West along the North and South 1/4 line 663.78 feet to Point of Beginning. Together with and subject to a right of way for ingress and egress and Installation and maintenance of public utilities as recorded in Liber 179, Page 386 and in Liber 179, Page 501, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.
Dated: May 3, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #107352F02
-3-10-17-24

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene D. Restainer and Myrna L. Restainer, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 13, 2002, and recorded on March 12, 2003 in Liber 623 on Page 332, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One And 53/100 Dollars (\$33,721.53), including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in

Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 6, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34, thence North (along the North and South 1/4 line), 993.03 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 331.01 feet to the South 1/8 line; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes East (along the South 1/8 line), 328.24 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 30 seconds East, 331.06 feet; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 30 second West, 328.29 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 3, 2007
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File #140699F01
-3-10-17-24

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting April 11, 2007

Members Present: Dennis Long, Shawn Krayes, Monica Ashton, Ruth O'Mara, Terry Wright. Krayes joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gaila Gilliland, Barb and John Wotring, Ian Faulkner, Dave Malin.

Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence : (No action required)
Crawford County Senior Gazette for April, Building permit list for March, Ordinance enforcement list for March, Chamber News for April, Recycling Report for March.

1. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve minutes of Special Meeting on February 27, 2007. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one, motion carried.
2. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve minutes of March 14, 2007. Ayes; four, Nays; none, Absent; one,

motion carried.

3. Citizens who wish to speak: Ian Faulkner, Weyerhaeuser Corp, voiced his concern over direction the Township Board has taken regarding clear-cutting practices. Wright assured Mr. Faulkner that this Board has no intention of hurting the wood product businesses but is hoping to find ways to adjust the clear-cutting practices so as not to so severely effect recreational and highly visible areas of the community.

4. Citizens who wish to speak: John Wotring asked status of Fire Board of Appeals. Wright noted that we are seeking volunteers to replace the original appointees as it was discovered by legal counsel that according to the section of the Fire Code that applies to Grayling Township these members may not be paid per diem.

5. Supervisor noted that Board Members and staff that wishes to attend the 2007 MTA District Meeting on May 22, 2007 in Gaylord should contact him to be pre-registered.

6. Request from the Grayling Recreation Authority for grant of \$3, 386.00 to replace the softball field backstop fence at Hanson Hills. Discussion regarding the possible 07-08 budget shortfalls. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to decline Grayling Recreation Authority request for funding the softball field backstop fence. All ayes, Motion carried.

7. Copies of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act were distributed to Board. Expecting a franchise request soon from Charter Communications. Noted that we may negotiate fees up to 5 %. Question whether the fees are passed directly to consumer?

8. Motion by Krayes, second by Long, to amend the 2006-07 General Fund Budget by decreasing 101-446.801.010 Road Improvements by \$3,000.00 and increasing 101-728.000-804 Economic Development by \$3,000.00. The amendment will maintain a balanced budget. All ayes, motion carried.

9. There will be a Special Meeting scheduled for early May with the City of Grayling regarding our intergovernmental Fire Protection Agreement.

10. Motion by Long, second by Krayes, to have Supervisor research and report back on a resolution to the financial impact that loss of the Camp Lehman work crew will have on the maintenance and care of Elmwood Cemetery. The plan must ensure the same standards and costs. Supervisor to be included in the decision making process. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 5272 through 5316, Board & Comm. fees for March \$505.00, Liquor Inspections \$120.00, supplies (Liquor Fund)\$42.39, for a grand total of \$95,066.28. All ayes, motion carried.
12. Motion to adjourn, carried, all ayes. (8:20 p.m.)

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING MAY 22, 2007

The Maple Forest Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Maple Forest Township Hall located at 8996 N. Sherman Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain citizen comment on the following proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:

1. Following review of the Zoning Ordinance the Township Planning Commission is proposing that the following Sections of the Zoning Ordinance be amended:

- All portions of the Ordinance that refer to the Township Zoning Act will be amended to correctly refer to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.
- All notice requirements for Variances, Special Use Applications and Text Amendments and Rezoning will be amended to comply with the requirements set forth in the Zoning Enabling Act.
- Definitions will be amended by adding definitions for: Boarding Stables, Riding Areas, and Riding Stables
- Regulations for Detached Accessory Buildings will be amended to allow for construction of Accessory Structures on vacant property under limited conditions.
- Regulations for mobile homes will be amended to allow additions to mobile homes under limited conditions.
- Regulations for Display of products at a home business will be amended to allow limited display of products.
- Regulations for Outdoor Signs will be amended to allow for use of "for sale" signs under limited conditions.
- Regulations for Private Roads will be amended to regulate the application approval process.
- The Farm Forest (FF) Zoning District regulations will be amended so that Riding Arenas, and Boarding Stables are permitted in accordance with the new definitions.
- The Schedule of Regulations in Section 5.10 will be amended to provide a foot note to provide details regarding the living area for dwellings in the Farm Forest (FF), Low Density Residential (LDR), and Stream Corridor (SC) Zoning Districts.

All citizens are welcome to attend this meeting or to provide written comment on the proposed ordinance amendments. The detailed text of the amendments can be reviewed at the Township Hall on Monday or Wednesday from 6 pm - 8 pm. The proposed amendments can be viewed online at the Township Hall website at: www.mapleforest.org.

Any citizen that needs assistance to attend this meeting or to be able to take part in the meeting should contact the Zoning Administrator by calling (989) 348-5794.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Frederic Township Citizens

In accordance with MCL 141.412, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held within the regular monthly meeting of the Frederic Township Board of Trustee's to discuss the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This meeting will occur on May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held, and copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection, at the Township Hall located at 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7 p.m., in the town hall to hear public comment on the following zoning requests:

Case No.	07-04
Petitioner:	Hank A. Milius
Address:	1213 Drew Lane Yorktown, IN. 47396
Local Address:	(no address) Richardson Road. Grayling, MI 49738
Property ID #	040-41-011-04-160-02
Location:	T26N, R3W, Sec. 11
Parcel size:	2.5 acres
Zoning	Natural River District (NRD)

Request: Construct a new home. Nearest point of construction to the AuSable mainstream would be 175-feet (including a 40-foot rise in bank). Variance requested is 25-feet to front.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are available on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
May 3, 1984

A second judge will be added to the 46th Circuit Court beginning Jan. 1, 1985. The new judge to serve Crawford, Otsego, and Kalkaska counties will be elected in the Nov. 1984 general election. The first term will be for eight years to establish staggered terms. Terms following will be for six years.

Fire and wind broke up beautiful spring weather that had brought 80 degree temperatures to Crawford County Friday. As an added kick, the month of April dumped snow, sleet, and rain on us before it left. The strong winds Saturday through Monday caused the most damage. Gusts up to 40 mile per hour helped spread two forest fires Saturday afternoon as they burned 260 acres east of Grayling.

Four year-old Ron Hees won the prize for the youngest fisherman when he landed a 10 inch rainbow last weekend in a contest sponsored by the Old AuSable Sports Shop. Brooke Blaauw won an award for the biggest brook trout caught and the first female to bring in a fish. She caught an eight inch brook. Paul Kolka caught the biggest fish, a 24-inch brown weighing four pounds and two ounces. Bill Reichelderfer caught the biggest rainbow, a 15-inch fish. A 26-inch rainbow was also caught on

the kids fishing section opening weekend.

Crawford County's housing rehabilitation program can now arrange low interest loans to build new garages, following a change in Housing and Urban Development rules. Randy Thompson, county housing rehabilitation and community development director, said before this week the county program couldn't build new garages only repair existing garages. New guidelines also allow middle-income families to qualify for the low-interest loans.

The second grade taught by Mrs. Knibbs at Grayling Elementary made a quilt to help restore the Statue of Liberty. The second graders designed, cut, and sewed the quilt together with some assistance and plan to give the quilt away in a drawing Memorial Day. Money raised by selling tickets for the drawing will be sent to a fund to restore the nearly 100 year old statue.

The Grayling baseball team slugged five home runs last week to win two out of three games. The Vikings beat Onaway 10-7 with two home runs, whipped Charlevoix 7-2 with two blasts and dropped an 8-5 game to Charlevoix wasting a home run. Mike Hickey started the season with a bang connecting for two home runs. Jim Stewart stroked a two-run home run against

Onaway, and Jeff Branch and Bob Gelinski each produced solo shots against Charlevoix.

46 Years Ago
May 4, 1961

A contract has been let to J.P. Malley of the Grayling Travel Car Co., to build a four unit motel for Zoe and Mike Lapka at Canoe In on the AuSable River at Stephan's Bridge. The modern units will have tubs with shower attachments.

At a meeting of the GHS Alumni Association officers and directors held at the home of Mrs. Robert Sorenson, plans were underway to establish the Roy O. Milnes Memorial. Milnes was a faithful member of the association and served as officer and director. A plaque has been purchased and will be hung in the alumni room, on which will be engraved the name of the student receiving the yearly award.

The May Festival will be presented a little differently this year. The operetta "Hansel and Gretel" will be presented by the grade school children in grades K-sixth. The operetta is in three acts and the entire program will take about 50 minutes. The principal characters are from the fifth grade with narrators from the sixth grade. The characters are Fenn Welch as Peter the broommaker, Marjorie Johnson as Gertrude his wife, John Johnson as their son, Hansel, Sandra Kelly as their daughter, Gretel, and Gail Hunter as the wicked witch.

"Michigan's AuSable River Canoe Marathon may be 80 miles

shorter this year, but it will still separate the men from the boys." This was the word from Sy Goebel, Oscoda building contractor, who heads up the committee in charge of the annual race to decide the world's championship team in canoe racing. This year, the marathon will start in the backwaters of Mio Dam in Oscoda county, 80 miles downstream from Grayling, which has been the traditional start point during the past 14 years.

69 Years Ago
May 5, 1938

Scholastic honors for the high school graduating class of 1938 go to Virginia Charron as valedictorian and Beatrice Peterson as salutatorian.

Carlton Wythe is busy these days making cement blocks, recently having purchased a new Miles power block machine. Employing three other men besides himself, the machine is capable of turning out 100 waterproof blocks per hour.

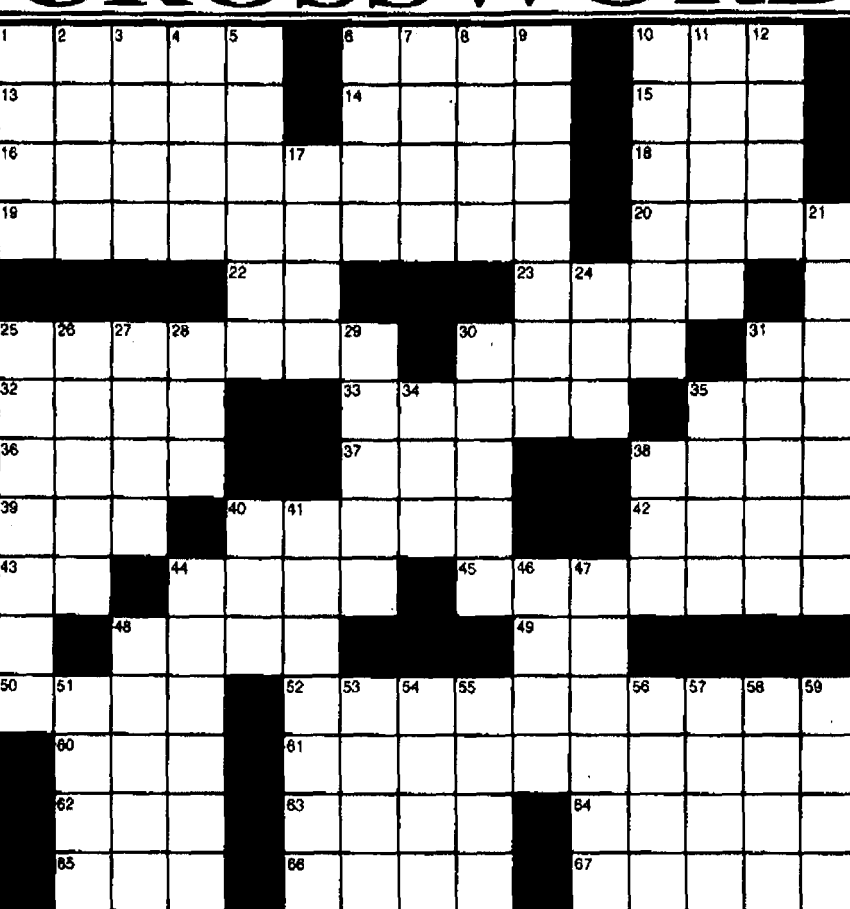
92 Years Ago
May 6, 1915

John Harron has opened an auto repair shop in the garage building formerly occupied by the Grayling Machinery Repair Company.

P.J. Moshier and son have moved their herd of cattle to the Morey Dale farm five miles west of Moorestown. Seventy-Eight head were moved there Friday.

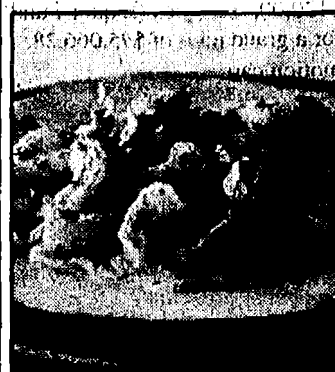
Dennis Johnson is the new flagman at the Michigan Central Portage Lake railroad crossing.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- Last portion of the small intestine that communicates with the large intestine.
 - Flow of air driven backwards by an aircraft propeller.
 - Unhappy.
 - Grant use of under a term of contract.
 - Cut and assemble components of.
 - Category in classification of certain French wines.
 - Place seeds in the ground.
 - Vase with a pedestal.
 - Physicist who studies astronomy.
 - Interest followed with exaggerated zeal.
 - Whether.
 - Seagoing military forces of a nation.
 - Earring with a pendant ornament.
 - Hoffman, actress.
 - Used for expressing intention.
 - Cooked dish of taro leaves.
 - Informal term for money.
 - Actively cause something to happen.
 - Slight competitive advantage.
 - Surface measure equal to 100 square meters.
 - Hindu goddess of time and destruction.
 - By way of.
 - Transient cessation of respiration.
 - Majestic, long narrative poem.
 - Symbol of the chemical element astatine.
 - Map showing an object's movements.
 - Bitter wild cherry.
 - Never.
 - Light, strong brittle gray toxic bivalent metallic element.
 - Village in Williams County, OH.
 - Tending to persuade by forcefulness of argument.
 - Anticipated outcome that is intended.
 - Being of the nature of a notion.
 - Acronym for Urban Service Area.
 - Fictional character of the EarthBound video game series.
 - City in the state of São Paulo in Brazil.
 - Brian McKnight album.
 - Long ago.
 - Past tense and past participle of "stand."
- Down
- Acronym for International Livestock Identification Association.
 - Commune in northern France in the Pas-de-Calais département.
 - Novel by Edith Pattou.
 - Person who makes use of a thing.
 - Account of personal experiences.
 - Marcus, American cavalry officer who participated in the Battle of Little Big Horn.
 - Robert, Scotland's most famous architect.
 - Repeat a passage from.
 - Seemingly without end.
 - Condition caused by deficiency of ascorbic acid.
 - Impressive display.
 - Fecal matter of animals.
 - Message received and understood.
 - Exotic objects.
 - Pay a penalty.
 - Give a promotion to.
 - Examine and adjust an account.
 - George C. Scott film.
 - Reasonable in the circumstances.
 - Place someone in a certain position in order to secretly observe.
 - Appear briefly.
 - Volcano in the western part of Nicaragua.
 - Earth containing workable quantities of minerals of commercial value.
 - Acronym for Low Altitude Proximity Sensor.
 - Large brownish-green New Zealand parrot.
 - One of the 180 woredas in the Oromia Region of Ethiopia.
 - Relating to, affecting, resembling or derived from a pig.
 - Informal term for journalist.
 - Assist in some wrongdoing.
 - Fourth episode of the sixth season of Star Trek: The Next Generation.
 - Loud outcry of protest.
 - Caress.
 - River in Central Europe.
 - State of confusion and disorderliness.
 - Earlier than the present time.
 - Money obtained illegally.
 - Denoting inclusion.
 - AKA Bastard Sandalwood.
 - Feeling happy appreciation for.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



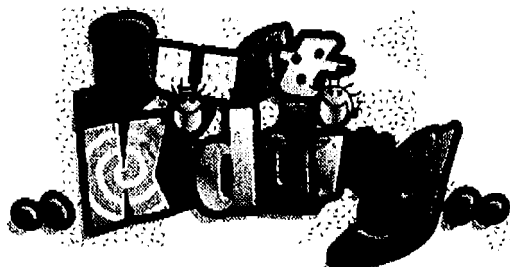
Tangy Lemon Pepper Shrimp

- 12-ounce carton Shrimp Scampi (frozen)
- 1 tsp. lemon pepper
- 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup dry white wine

Heat large sauté skillet on medium for 1 minute. Add frozen shrimp to pan and sauté 6 minutes. Whisk lemon pepper, Dijon mustard and wine in a small bowl. Pour mixture over shrimp. Stir well to incorporate all ingredients. Simmer for additional 3-5 minutes (or until shrimp are fully cooked), stirring frequently. Serve shrimp over pasta or rice. Tip: Want to add a little spice to your dish? Try adding 1-2 tsp. of crushed red bell pepper when you add the lemon pepper.

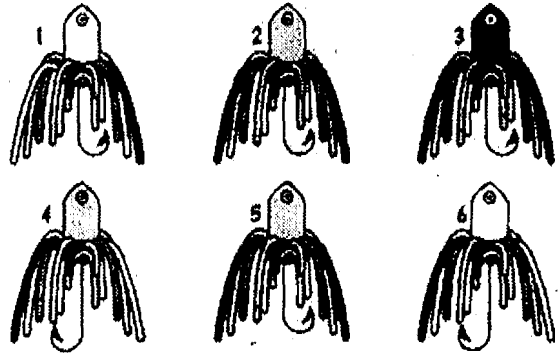
Prep Time: 2 mins. Cook Time: 8 mins.

Makes 2-3 Servings



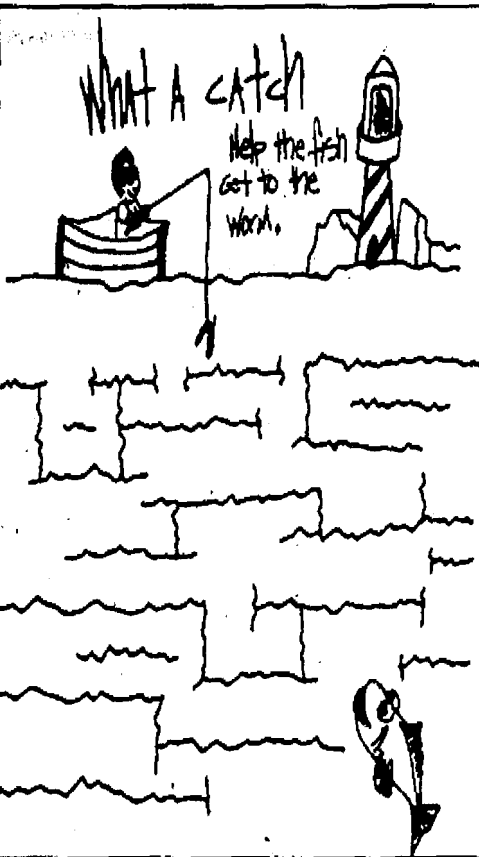
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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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ADOPT A PET



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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)					
Date	H	L	Precip.	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
4/25	60	34	0						
4/26	58	37	0						
4/27	49	37	0.70	High 64	High 65	High 66	High 74	High 75	High 72
4/28	47	38	0.13	Low 35	Low 36	Low 39	Low 50	Low 47	Low 46
4/29	67	36	0						
4/30	76	41	0						
5/1	65	39	0	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Showers

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RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
989-348-5474
Grayling

CASH BACK

RE
REAL ESTATE

HOUSE FOR RENT on the AuSable River, 12 miles east of Grayling, 2007 S. Town Line Rd., off M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Rd. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, range, refrigerator, washer, dryer, completely remodeled. \$600/month, plus \$600 security. References and credit check, no pets. 989-348-4716. (4/12/07/tf/2)

SMALL UPDATED 2 BEDROOM near Lake Margrethe. Utilities, deposit \$475. No pets, no smoking. 989-344-2482. (-3-10/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX washer, dryer, \$500 per month plus utilities and deposit. 989-348-2466. (4/26/07/tf/2)

BUILDING FOR RENT New, perfect for warehousing. Approx. 3,500 s.f. 6840 West M-72. For info, call Art, 989-348-4252. (-26-3/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath house just out of city limits, \$600/month plus utilities, \$600 security deposit. 989-732-6582. (-3-10/2)

1,000/1,500 SQ. FT. of office space. Great location on business loop. 989-348-6528. (-3-10/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH Recently remodeled, nice upgrade's, non-smoking, \$625 after discount. Includes water and heat. 810-235-4164 or 760-567-5536. (-3-10/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

595 Meadows Drive in Grayling is currently accepting applications for an 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartment. Whispering Pines is a Senior Citizen Community or Disabled of any age. Please call Peggy at 989-344-0020 for an application or more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.



SOON AVAILABLE 6 miles from town, 3 bedroom's, \$550. 989-348-2466. (5/3/07/tf/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX Washer, dryer, refrigerator and stove. Available June 1. Reference required. Call 989-344-0446 before 1:30, M-F. 1 pet optional. (LR5/31/07/2)

CLOSE TO TOWN efficiency cabin, \$340 per month, \$340 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities included. No pet's. 989-348-5124. (-3/2)

HOUSE TO SHARE with women, M-72 east. All utilities, \$235 month total. References, 989-348-7506. (-3/2)

3 Employment

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (-3-10-17-24/3)

CLIENT ADVOCATE River House, Inc. River House, Inc. is seeking candidates for a full time Client Advocate position. The primary responsibility of the Client Advocate is the support of adult and child victims of domestic violence. Knowledge of the dynamics of trauma and an understanding of domestic and sexual violence is helpful. Advocacy and group facilitation skills are needed for this position. BSW or BA in a human service field preferred. Shift is M-F days with some on-call responsibilities. If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume to Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org. Fax: 989-348-0485. Phone: 989-348-0570. (-3/3)

DJ & SOFTBALL UMPIRE wanted. No equipment necessary. 989-826-6296 weekends. (-26-3/3)

COURIERS NEEDED We need extended, full size cargo vans, box trucks. Must be dependable, 21, and have a clear driving record. Please call between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Hours vary Monday thru Friday mainly. Serious inquiries only. Please call 1-989-344-0499 or 1-888-336-7205. (-3/3)

PART-TIME GENERAL ACCOUNTING and Office Clerk: Grayling Area. Accounts payable and receivable, data entry and customer service, some phone assistance. Quickbooks and Microsoft proficient, 2-3 years similar office experience in accounting and office work. Hours, 20-24 per week, are flexible. Must be willing to grow and assume responsibility. Summit resume to: RCB, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26-3/3)

ARTIST & CRAFTSMAN wanted for consignment shop. All mediums large and small. Call 231-369-3564. (-26-3-10/3)

NEW GAYLORD OUTLET Immediate positions. Paid weekly, \$10-\$12 to start. New Gaylord outlet for international manufacturing company has several positions available including general help, customer care consultant's, team leader's, marketing coordinator's and manager's. No experience necessary, company will train for all position's. Progressive pay, monthly bonuses and paid vacation's are all part of this attractive package. For one on one interview, call 989-732-7349, Mon.-Thur., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (-3-10-17/3)

DuBois Lumber & Rental Center

is currently taking applications for the position of yard worker. This is a part time or full time position. Please apply in person at DuBois Lumber 6593 West M-72, Grayling.

ALARM TECHNICIAN WANTED Must have at least 4 years experience, able to program and install complete alarm systems without supervision. Some DVR experience and home automation helpful. Call 989-348-5280, M-F, 7-5. (-3-10-17-24/3)

MASTER'S LEVEL SUBSTANCE ABUSE counseling position needed for part-time position in our Gaylord/Roscommon division of Catholic Human Services. Must be a dependable self-starter. Send resume to Catholic Human Services, Inc., 1165 Elkview, Suite #3, Gaylord 49735, attention Nancy L. Morgridge, Administrator. (-3-10/3)

INSTRUCTOR, ENGLISH Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking applicant's for a full-time English position. For a complete position description, salary, and application information, visit our website at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239 to have a posting mailed to you. Application deadline is May 25, 2007. Equal Opportunity Employer. (-3/3)

YOGI BEARS JELLYSTONE PARK is now hiring full and part time seasonal position's. Looking for fun, energetic people who enjoy working with all age children in a family oriented atmosphere. Duties include dressing as characters, recreation activities, craft's, snack bar cash register and cleaning. Must be able to work various hour's including night's, weekend's and holiday's and be at least 16 year's of age with valid driver's license. Pick up application's between 10 & 4. No phone call's please. (-3-10/3)

LOOKING FOR SELF-MOTIVATED caring people to work with 2 individual's in their own home in Grayling. Assisting them with need's of daily living, \$7.65 hr., approximately 16-24 hour's a week. Need help in the Grayling area. Call Veronica at 989-732-9464. (-3/3)

PHLEBOTOMY EDUCATION accelerated course, Gaylord, July 30-Aug. 3. \$995. Limited seats. 313-382-3857. (LR7/26/07/3)

4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, MENDING quilter. Ask for Lorrie (989)348-9349. (1/11/07/tf/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/tf/4)

D. HAWES/DRIVERS' TRAINING Northern Driving School, currently providing driving instruction in Crawford County, is now taking reservations for upcoming classes. Grayling - September, November, January, March, May, and summer 2007. Segment I, \$240. Segment II, \$35. (989) 344-2470. (8/10/06/tf/4)

JERRY'S SPRING CLEAN UP Tools, rack, truck, leaf raking, chain saw, hauling debris. Two man crew, hourly charged. 989-348-7046 (-26-3/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (4/5/07/tf/4)

I CHARGE BY THE JOB not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, cutting wood, stacking wood, painting, washing windows, washing and waxing and detailing cars, trucks and vans. 989-348-5081. (LR 5/24/07/4)

POWER BROOM and vacuum your lawn. Removes matted grass, stones, acorns, and thatch. Call today for a professional spring cleaning for your commercial or residential property and get a great start to the growing season. Greenway Landscaping & Irrigation, 989-348-8764. (-3-10/4)

QUALITY CONSTRUCTION Roofing, siding, decks, all work guaranteed. Reference's available. 20+ years experience. Call Scott for a free estimate, 989-348-5817 or 989-390-1526. (-26-3-10-17/4)

DSL SERVICES Spring cleaning weekly. Cleaning, painting, light raking and landscaping. Call 989-390-1969 or 989-348-5054. (-26-3/10)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR12/27/07/5)

GARDEN SOIL rich, black, fertile, will grow anything. Will deliver by the dump truck 10 yards. Small loads available 989-348-9233. (3/29/07/tf/5)

AKC GOLDEN RETRIEVER'S \$350 males, \$400 females. Ready to go May 7. 989-348-2564. (-26-3/5)

1981 STEPHAN RIVER BOAT 20' with all the extra's. No trailer, \$1,500. 989-348-6695. (-26-3/5)

APPROX. 8 CORDS Oak logs U-Haul, \$200. 989-344-2482. (-3-10/5)

20 YEAR STANDARD bred gelding, \$700. Brush hog, \$350. Call 989-348-7463. (-3/5)

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Human Resources
Mercy Hospital Grayling
1100 E. Michigan Ave
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone (989)348-0570 Fax (989)348-0485
E-mail slewis@trinityhealth.org

Check our web site at www.mercygrayling.munsonhealthcare.org

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Grayling Recreation Authority

Program Director

Job Description

Deadline: May 4, 2007

Description:

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, this position is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, supervision, delivery and evaluation of comprehensive year-round, seasonal and special recreational activities and programs for the Grayling Recreation Authority.

- Supervise seasonal staff in absence of Director
- Develop schedules, coordinate volunteers and program officials
- Research and prepare Grant applications and sponsorship requests to enhance recreation programs
- Marketing and promotion of programs through advertising, including the creation of seasonal brochures, news releases, flyers, pamphlets and all public relation materials
- Perform related tasks as required for the organization
- May be required to physically set up programs
- Evening and weekend hours are required on a regular basis
- Provide input to new programs

Requirements:
Recreational Experience Recommended.

Employer Information:
The Grayling Recreation Authority (G.R.A.) is a non-profit organization, located in Grayling, Michigan. G.R.A. manages and operates Hanson Hills Recreation Area, www.hansonhills.org, the Grayling Fish Hatchery, along with providing various recreational programs and special events for the community of Grayling.

5. For Sale

TWO TWIN BEDS for sale. Used gently in guest room, each comes with 2 sets of sheets, winter & summer. Each has nice matching bedspreads, bed skirts and shams, cream and various greens in leaf pattern's, \$300 for all. Call 989-348-5944. (-26-3sgf/5)

14 FT 1993 SMOKERCRAFT Big Fisherman, live well. Electric start 25 HP Evinrude. Eagle fish finder, electric trolling motor, tilt trailer. \$3,250. 989-344-8032. (-3-10/5)

RINKER 1991 V190 19 ft. boat, 3.0 L Mercuriser, 130 HP motor, 21 ft. EZ Loader boat trailer, \$6,000. 989-348-2060. (-3-10/5)

MAYTAG HEAVY DUTY WASHER Electric dryer, work's good, almond. 989-348-9703. (sgf-3-10/5)

1997 DUTCHMEN POP-UP 12' long, fridge, stove, furnace, sleep's 8 people. Must see, \$3,200 O.B.O. 989-390-1708. (-3/5)

AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

5. For Sale

KIRBY VACUUM like new, lot's of extra's. Need to sell, 989-390-1708. (-3/5)

MINNETONKA MOC-CASIN'S & SANDAL'S Big selection. Hartman's Fly Shop, Lovells. 989-348-9679.

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

WANTED TO BUY Rittenhouse cottage furniture. 248-851-7585. (03/2/06tf/6)

WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS We buy standing timber and sell firewood by the loggers cord. Call 989-348-7133 during the day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR5/10/07/6)

WANTED Rent to own or land contract with low down payment. Seeking hobby farm set-up for horses. Health care professional seeking to re-locate. Guaranteed TLC, please call 419-485-8624. Previous caller's, please call back, lost phone numbers. (-26-3/6)

7. Miscellaneous

FREE LAB, SHEPARD 9 months, brown, Tick 2 years. Call 989-710-1224. Both friendly, good with kid's. (-3/7)

3 MILES RECEIVE 15 miles free on all local Penske truck rental's at Reasonable Rental in Roscommon. Just mention this ad. 989-275-5972. (LR10/4/2007/7)

8. Announcements

CUSTOM SIGNS lettering and banners for your business, truck or trailer. Color printing service, brochures, posters, newsletters, business cards. Call Pete Koefas. 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268. (4/26/07tf/8)

MOVING & ESTATE AUCTION Sat. May 5, 10 a.m. Perry Creek Rd. & M-33, Mio. Furniture, glass, pottery, household, sports card's, collectible's, tool's, garage, shop and outside, lumber, Cub Cadet lawn tractor, 14 ft. alum. boat, 1991 Jeep Wrangler, coin's and more. Full Sale. Watch website for picture's or call. Let's Talk Auction Company, 989-848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-3/8)

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

8. Announcements

GHS CLASS OF 1997 10 year reunion, August 18, 2007, Grayling Country Club. Please send addresses for invites and information to: ghsclass1997@hotmail.com. (LR5/17/07/8)

WOW Gabby's now paying up to \$300 for your junk vehicle. I pick up. Call 231-258-5726. (-19-26-3/8)

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT this year. For that birthday or anniversary try one of our getaway suites at the North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR5/10/07/8)

HEADS UP NORTH would like to welcome Margaret Ritchie to their staff. Call 348-7890 for an appointment. (-26-3/8)

HEADS UP NORTH is now doing massages on Wednesday's. Call 348-7890 for an appointment. (-26-3/8)

WOMEN OF ALL golfing skill levels: Chick's with Sticks league forming now. Meeting, May 14, 5:30 p.m. at Grayling Country Club. (-26-3/8)

SPRING CLEANING SALE at Fabrics & More, beginning May 12. 25-50% off in stock fabric's. Gift certificate's are available for Mother's Day. Located next to Rochettes IGA. 989-344-0986. (-3-10/8)

8. Announcements

ST. MARY'S LADIES CLUB Spring Bake Sale, Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 20 after the 10 a.m. Mass in the Family Center. (-3-10/8)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

8. Announcements

THE MATRIX YOUTH CENTER open to the public every Friday and Saturday from 5-9 p.m. No youth under 13 without adult supervision. Snack bar, pool, foosball, ping-pong, playing card's, board game's, live music, Christian Rock video's, open mic night, Friday's, 6:30-8 p.m. Located 6441 W Pine Point Rd. 989-348-2025 or 989-390-3510. (-3/8)

10. Garage Sale

COMING MAY 18 & 19 Rummage sale at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling. (-3-10sgf/5)

ANNUAL METZER/WELLS cleaning out garage sale. Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5. Glenn Rd, north of the fish hatchery, 10 a.m. (-3/10)

ESTATE SALE 607 Michigan Ave., May 4 & 5, rain or shine, 9-? Furniture, dishes, tool's, picture's, bedding, holiday decoration's, clothing, misc. Sale will be held inside the home and in the garage, everything must go. (-3/10)

YARD SALE Fri. & Sat., May 4 & 5. Some clothes, movie's, older beanie's, craft's and odds and ends. Also, 2005 Two Place SnowPro trailer, \$750. 989-348-6767. (-3/10)

GARAGE SALE 675 Robinhood Lane, Fri. 9-3, Sat. 9-2. A little bit of everything. (-3/10)

HUGE GARAGE SALE 2845 Kelmway, 8 mile's out of town off M-72 E. Friday & Saturday, May 4 & 5, 9-5. (-3/10)

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